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FEBRY : YE : 5TH : 1693/4.

TO YR : WORPLL: WILLM : HATSELL ESQR :
GOVR : &CA : COUNCILL ATT FORT ST : DAVID.

Our last to yo : was dated [*lacuna in the original*] Sent by Cattamaran being then apprehensive of Stops on ye : Road, by ye : Moores & Morattas Army's att or abou[t] Cunimere, wee therein acquainted yo : that some intelligence was Recd : here, of Doctor Blackwall entring himself into ye : Moores Service & design[e] of ye : Moores Army upon Pullicherry & Porto Novo which tho' you have not Received yet by a particular Letter from Mr : Hatsell to ye : Presidt : wee understand yo : have mett with Doctor Blackwall[s] Letters to his wife, which gives an Account of his designs & wee are very glad that they do not appe[ar] to be so bad as att first wee Apprehended; however Matters of this nature are of dangerous Consequence, & therefore are to be throughly Examin'd & if Doctor Blackwall shall come within your Reach Secure him within ye : Fort. No : 1.

On ye : 3d ; & 4th : Instant ye : Shipps Royal James & Mary Princess Anne of Denmark & ye : Armenian Mercht : Arrived here, ye : Hawk daily expected they have brought Letters from ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : dated 10th : & 28th : Aprill last by which as by other private Letters of unquestionable Creditt it does appear very plain that all ye : Stories which ye : Interlopers in Bengall have Remitted to their Reputed friends here to ye : discreditt of ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : are utterly false, & forged yt : words of our advice, being yt : his Majesty hath Ordered a new Charter to be granted to ye : Company which is now in drawing.

The Rt : Honble : Compa : having sent us out by these Ships a Stock for Carrying on ye : Investm[ent] of ye : Coast & Bay, wee shall very Suddainly send yo : a Supply, & it is probable Shall Send yo : Suddain Orders for a Speedy provision of 2 or 300 bales of goods in ye : meantime dispatch ye : embaling as soon as yo : Can of ye : goods already brought in by your Merchts : & by ye : first advices as how many bales of Long Cloth Salempors &ca : yo : can gett Ready in two months time ; The Rt : Honble : Compa : in their Generll : Letter 10th : Aprill 93 : are pleased to Express ye : great assurance they have of Mr : Hatsell's fidelity & prudent Conduct & do Order his Continuance in yt : Station & of Counll : of Fort St : George.

Wee hope to dispatch ye : Samuell directly for England ye : beginning of next week.

Sr : John Gayer Came out in these Ships Lieutenant Generall of Bombay & North Coast of India & hath Carried with him ye : Defence & ye : Resolution with a Considerable Stock for Surratt. Wee are

Yor : affecte : friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM : FRASER.

P.S.—Enclosed is a Receit for 400. ps : gunns : & 3 mond : 21 lb. : Twine packing yor : bales & have some days past sent yo : one Candy of Country rope upon Ship Northamp ton Richd : Phripp master. Idem.

To YE WORPLL: WILLM: HATSELL ESQR: DEPTY:
GOVR: &CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

No: 2. Wee have Recd: yours of ye: 3d: Instant & by your Tapies returne immediate Answer to ye: parts which relates to Doctor Blackwall yt: by ye: first secure Opportunity by sea you send him hither under a sufficient guard to prevent his Escape; in ye: meantime lett him Remain longer Confin'd in your Fort; for ye: future lett no European go to ye: Moores or Morattas Camps nor maintaine any correspondence with the Country Government upon their private business, but if there shall be Occasion to make application to ye: Country Govt: upon any Occasion it must be done by yor:selves. Wee are

Yor: affecte: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

Fort St: George ye: 6: of febry:
1693/4 at 10. at night.

To ELIHU YALE ESQR:

Sr:

No: 3. Wee Recd: a Paper from yo: dated ffebry: 1693/4 disregarding & Rejecting your usuall reflective stile & Expression, Wee answer to ye: matter of your request, that whenever yo: send for our Order to ye: Commander of Ship Sampson to receive yor: self & necessary's on board & to afford yo: such accomodation as ye: Honble: Compa: have ordered to their returning Presidts: It shall be granted upon usuall terms. Dated in Fort St: George Febry: 1693/4.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

FEBRY: YE: 17TH: 1693/4.

To CAPT: JOHN BROMWELL COMMANDER
OF SHIP SAMPSON.

No: 4. Wee have recd: yors: dated this day & have sent ye: bearer Mr: Hinchman to bring ye: Pacquett to us: if you find your shipp detain'd by [contrary] winds, wee shall according to your desire order Red wood & water to be ready for yo: & bales as fast as wee Can. Wee are

Yor: very Loving friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

To YE: WORPLL: WILLM: HATSELL ESQR:
GOVR: &CA: COUNLL: AT FORT ST: DAVID.

No 5. This day wee delivered ye: Commander of Ship Samuell his dispatch after wch: wee recd: a Letter from Capt: Bromwell from aboard Ship Sampson lying at an anchor in sight to ye: Northward detained by Contrary winds, he Came from Bengall 20th: past to fill up here with bales, & having just laden ye: Samuell wee are afraid wee shall not be able to get bales enough Ready in due time; Therefore upon Receipt hereof send us all ye: bales you have ready by ye: first opportunity & hasten ye: embaling of what Cloth you have ready washed & all yt: is fitt to embale browne, (wherein you need not upon this urgent Occasion be so nice as is at other times Requisite) also take in all your turn'd out Cloth upon usuall abatemts: & send us as many bales as you Can, as soon as yo: Can by a hired Vessell if yo: have no other Ready by Conveyance.

Our Fort St: George Merchts: tell us they have deliver'd to yo: Long Cloth Salempores and Beteelas to ye: Value of 1,780 Pages: wch: send to them by ye: first Opportunity. & in ye: mean time be receiving & embaling their Long Cloth & Salempoores Vizt: so much of it as can be embaled browne by yor: Musters & send us ye: accots: thereof. The Merchts: send herewth: their Orders to their factors Vincate & Tomboo Tonapa Chitte, to dd & look after ye: sorting for them. When ye: Cloth is sent hither it is upon ye: risgoe of ye: merchts: till Recd: here wee have not yet recd: ye: Bengall packqu[et]. Wee are

Yor: Affecte: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

Fort St: George:
Febry: ye: 17th: 1693/4.

FFEBRY: YE: 12TH: 1693/4.

TO HIS EXCELLCY: SR: JOHN GAYER KT: CAPT: GENLL: & CHEIF DIRECTOR OF ALL FORCES & AFFAIRS IN INDIA FOR YE: RT: HONBLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

May it Please your Excellcy:

On ye: 3d: & 4th: Instant Ships Royall James & Mary, Princess Ann of Den- No: 6.
mark & Armenian Mercht: arrived here, & brought us your Genll: Letter directed to ye: Late Commissary Genll: & Councill which adviseth of ye: Hawk's parting from ye: fleet 6 or 7 months agoe since wch: she has not been seen.

These shipps have brought us a Genll: Letter & duplicate from ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: dated ye: 10th: April 1693. One whereof Comes herewith as also ye: copy of our answer thereunto Intended by ye: shipp Samuell dated ye: 17th: Instant together with a Copy of our last Genll: to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: dated 19th: Janry: last wch: wee pray your Excellcy: to remitt them to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: if any Conveyance offer.

Wee have recd: no advice from Bengall since their Genll: Lre: dated ye: [*lacuna in original*] when they were in expectation of speedy dispatching ye: ship Charles ye: Second & Sampson directly for England, but wee dont yet hear of their departure wch: wee daily Expect as soon as ye: wind & Currant will ℘mitt wch: Contrary to ye: season has above 20: days past set so strong to ye: Northward all along this Coast, if wee shall receive any farther advices from Bengall before this Pattamar goes wee shall remitt it to your Excellcy: in ye: mean time wee pray your Excellcy: to Consider of what wee have wrote to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: in ye: 12: Paragraph of our Genll: Letter dated ye: 17th: Instant Relating to Succession in ye: Agency of Bengall.

Herewith Comes Copy of our Genll: Lre to ye: Late Commissary Generall in Bengall wch: gives your Excellency an abstract of ye: advices Recd: from York Fort by Ship Madapollum & a Copy of a Narrative dd: in by Mr: Hamond Gibbon late Cheif of Indapoore, wch: gives an Accot: of ye: Occasion & Manner of their leaving yt: factory by wch: your Excellcy: will understand ye: present necessity of sending a recruite of men money & stores to Bencoolen wch: intend Suddainly to dispatch to them by Ship Madapollum & then after One of y[e]: four Europe Ships to be filled up wth: Pepper for England but as to ye: regaining & Setling of ye: Factory of Indapoore it is a difficult question for us to resolve whether it be advisable for u[s] to undertake it & whenever it is undertaken it must be done by able men & it will require a Considerable charge wee therefore desire yo[r]: Excellcy's: directions in it as is mentioned in ye: 19th: Paragraph of our Genll: to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: by ye: forementioned Copy of our Genll: to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: dated 19th: past, Your Excellcy: will understand ye: State of our stock & what requisite for this & other subordinate factory's & how far ye: Stock appointed to us by ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: out of ye:

cargoes of these ships falls shor[t] thereof, & that wee are under y^{e}: Necessity of Applying Some part of y^{e}: Stock appointed for Bengall to y^{e}: Support & Imployment of other subordinate factorys or else must lett some of them fall & y^{e}: rest lye still till a new supply Comes upon a dead Charge, & it is also to be Considered that y^{e}: Stock appointed for Beng^{ll}: is not Sufficient to lade those 3 Ships from thence w^{ch}: Amo^{ts}: to 1800 Tunn & if a Considerable part of y^{e}: Tunage be not Supplyed wth: the groser goods of y^{e}: Coast & y^{e}: pepper of y^{e}: west Coast Some of them must go home dead freighted.

That w^{ch}: wee shall take ashore here out of y^{e}: Royall James & Mary, for y^{e}: use of this Coast will be Dollars & Ingotts & if y^{or}: Excell^{cy}: do not approve of our detaining it, wee will upon your Excell$^{cy's}$: orders do our utmost endeavours for Remitting it (or so much as wee can) to Beng^{ll}: by Country Ships, in Rup^{s}: w^{ch}: will be more Convenient for their Use, then Ingotts or Dollars, & by that meanes they may Receive y^{e}: Rupees as soon as they can Receive y^{e}: Product of Silver Coined at y^{e}: Mint of Rajamaul.

Herewth: wee send Copy of our Consultation dated y^{e}: 13th: Ins^{t}: giving y^{e}: reasons & manner of our disposall of this years Shipping, & Stock Concerning w^{ch}: wee humbly pray yor: Exc^{y}: to give us your Sentim^{ts}: & directions Speedily wherewth: wee shall Comply so far as can be.

20TH: FEB^{RY}: 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

On y^{e}: 15th: June Arrived y^{e}: Ship Sampson contrary to their former advices & our expectations wanting as the Commander Sayes 700 or 800 bales to fill her up his Charterparty time was out y^{e}: 20: Jan^{ry}: last & y^{e}: Season of y^{e}: year will not admitt of his long Stay here, he gives us but 5 days time to dispatch him in, wee have dispatch't y^{e}: Samuell laden with Coast bales, & wee cannot gett above 400 bales ready in So Short a time, but Shall be forced to fill her up with Red wood.

The Sampson brought us a Beng^{ll}: Gen^{ll}: Letter to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: & to Fort S^{t}: George dated y^{e}: 13th: Jan^{ry}: Copy whereof goes herewith: To-morrow wee hope to dispatch y^{e}: Princess to Beng^{ll}: Calling att Vizagapatam to deliver Some goods, money & factors there.

The Gen^{ll}: Stop on trade Continues So that whatever business is or will be done till it be taken off is by y^{e}: Connivance of y^{e}: under Govr: & their Officers w^{ch}: must be brought [*sic*] on every Occasion. The present Agent M^{r}: Ellis dangerously ill, & his life doubtfull M^{r}: Eyres was not come from Decca to take charge of affairs thô: daily expected, till when Capt: Dorrill tarry'd att Chuttanutte, tell y^{e}: Commissary Gen^{lls}: orders past in execution w^{ch}: appointed M^{r}: Eyres Agent & y^{e}: Charles the Second being in Ballasore road full & richly laden.

As soon as y^{e}: Sampson is dispatched for Europe wee Shall Send another Pattamar to yor: Ex^{cy}: in y^{e}: mean time remaine,

Yo^{r}: Ex^{cys}: very hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.

P.S.—With this Pacquett goes another entered in y^{e}: List N^{o}: 9 containing Severall Lres: and pacquetts rec^{d}: here from Surratt directed to y^{e}: Late Commissary Gen^{ll}: w^{ch}: are cheifly matter of complaint between y^{e}: Presid^{t}: & Coun^{ll}: which were sent to Beng^{ll}: after his death & from there Returned hither. Idem.

FEBRY : Y^{E} : 20 : 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

A LIST OF Y^{E} : PACQUETT TO Y^{E} : GEN^{LL} : ATT SURRATT.

No. 1. Fort S^{t} : George Gen^{ll} : Lre. to his Ex^{cy} : S^{r} : John Gayer dat : 12 : & 20 : Feb^{ry} : 169$\frac{3}{4}$

„ 2. Duplicate of y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Gen^{ll} : Lre. to Fort St. George, dated 10 : Aprill 1693.

„ 3. Duplicate of Fort S^{t} : George Lre. to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : ℘ Samuell dated 17 Feb^{ry} : 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

„ 4. Copy of D^{o} : dated 19th : January 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

„ 5. Duplicate of Beng^{ll} : Gen^{ll} : Lre. to Fort S^{t} : George dat : 22^{d} : December 1693.

„ 6. Copy of ffort S^{t} : George Gen^{ll} : Lre. to y^{e} ; Commissary Gen^{ll} : in Bengall dated 10 : November 1693.

„ 7. Copy of a Gen^{ll} : Lre. to York Fort ℘ Northampton dated [. . .].

„ 8. Copy of M^{r}. Gibbon['s] Narrative of leaving Indapo[re] 3 Papers.

„ 9. Copy of Fort S^{t} : George Consultation 13th : Feb^{ry} : 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

„ 10. Copy of Beng^{ll} : Gen^{ll} : to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : ℘ Sampson dated 13th : Jan^{ry}.

„ 11. D^{o} : to Fort S^{t} : George ditto dated.

„ 12. A Pacquett y^{t} : [contained] severall Lres. & pacquett Rec^{d} : from Surratt directed to y^{e} : Late Coñissary Gen^{ll} :

„ 13. List of y^{e} : Pacquett.

FEB^{RY} : 12TH : 169$\frac{3}{4}$.

TO HIS EXC^{Y} : S^{R} : JOHN GAYER KN^{T} :
GEN^{LL} : FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E} : R^{T} : HON^{BLE} :
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A} : ATT SURRATT.

May it please yor : Ex^{cy} :

The Agent & Coun^{ll} : of Beng^{ll} : have wrote to us y^{t} : y^{e} : Nabob had informed them y^{t} : upon his Lres. to y^{e} : King, The King had given Order for taking off y^{e} : Stop on y^{e} : trade of Europeans in Beng^{ll} : & Surratt & y^{t} : y^{e} : Hosballhookum lay ready in y^{e} : hands of Sillabad Caun but detained for want of accustomed fees whereupon I desired Cojee Gregoree an eminent Armenian Merch^{t} : here to write to Assa Cooly an Armenian Resident in y^{e} : Mogulls Court Concerning y^{e} : s^{d} : Husballhookum, Issa Cooly returns answer to Cojee Gregoree y^{t} : upon an enquiry he finds it to be true y^{t} : y^{e} : Husballhookum lies ready for y^{e} : accustomary fees mentioning English French & Dutch, & that it might be taken out for a small sum, tho he does not mention how much but y^{t} : he had formerly done Severall Services for y^{e} : English att Surratt & had expended therein 4 or 500 rup^{s} : & had written to y^{e} : Presid^{t} : att Surratt concerning it, but never Rec^{d} : any answer & was therefore discouraged from adventuring to lay out any more money for y^{e} : English ; I have thereupon written to Assa Cooly & Inclose y^{e} : to him to send to your Exc^{y} : & humbly pray your Exc^{y} : to enquire into this matter & cause Such Satisfaction to be made him as Shall appear Reasonable. No. 7.

From y^{e} : Information w^{ch} : I have Rec^{d} : concerning Issa Cooly as well as from his owne Lres, I have not a little dependance upon him for y^{e} : obtaining of this Husballhookum for Beng^{ll} : & also the Kings Phirarmand [*sic*] for Madrass &c^{a}: setlem^{ts} : on this Coast concerning w^{ch} : I shall write yor : Exc^{y} : at large. I am

Yor Exc$^{y's}$: very hum^{ble} : Servt :
NATH : HIGGINSON.

To Y^{E}: Wor^{PLL}: W^{M}: Hatsell Esq^{R}:
Dep^{TY}: Gov^{R}: &c^{A}: Coun^{LL}: att Fort S^{T}: David.

N°: 8. Wee are yett to acknowledge y^{e}: Receipt of 5 great fanams sent with yours of y^{e}: 3: Instant for Essay & your Consultation end: 1: Jan^{ry}: Last, & Accounts disbursed upon Ship Madapollum for w^{ch}: Shall give y^{o}: Creditt.

Doctor Blackwall arrived here on y^{e}: Northampton w^{ch}: brought us your Gen^{ll}: Lre. of 7th: Ins^{t}: & wee have since rec^{d}: yours of 8: Ins^{t}: with Translate of Arsemanagues Letter w^{ch}: is very pert & positive. The next time you have Occasion to write him or y^{e}: Nabob concerning Doctor Blackwall you may well reprehend him to y^{m}: as a distracted man who did not know what he did & he is now kept under Cure till he has Recovered his senses.

M^{r}: Hatsell has y^{e}: Originall Parwanna granted by Zulphaker Caun 10th: December 1690: w^{ch}: mentions Tegnapatam with its Translates which probably y^{o}: may find Occasion to send him a Copy to put him in mind of his owne grant.

As soon as y^{e}: wind & Currant will ℘mitt wee Intend to Send y^{o}: one of y^{e}: Europe Ships wth: y^{e}: Supply of necessary's you write for.

The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: have Sent us a Comission under their Larger Seal appointing his Exc^{y}: S^{r}: John Gayer to Succeed Gen^{ll}: of India in case of Mortality of our Late worthy Gen^{ll}:

For your present Supply draw bills upon us as they offer att 6 days sight, & advise us att w^{t}: price Ingotts & y^{e}: quantity also broad cloth Perpetuans & Lead [are sold]. wee are

Yo^{r}: affect^{e}: Friends.

Fort S^{T}: George.
Feb^{RY}: 12TH: 169¾.

Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
W^{M}: Fraser.

To Cap^{T}: Tho^{S}: Newnam
Commander of Shipp Armenian Merch^{T}:

N°: 9. On Receipt hereof you are forthwth: to Repair aboard yor: Shipp & wth: y^{e}: first opportunity of wind & weather weigh anchor & Sett Sail & make y^{e}: best of your way for y^{e}: most Speedy attaining of y^{e}: Port of Fort S^{t}: David Tegnapatam where when y^{o}: are arrrived deliver our Gen^{ll}: Lre: herewith dated & directed to y^{e}: Dep^{ty}: Govr: &c^{a}: Coun^{ll}: whose orders y^{o}: are to follow in your unlading lading & Returning, & during your Stay there to give y^{m}: Such assistance with your Ship & Ships Comp^{a}: att Sea & Land in Offensive & defensive manner as they shall find Occasion to Require. You are also to Receive aboard your Shipp thirty Soldiers wth: their Officer whom wee have ordered to take their passage on your Ship to & from Fort S^{t}: David wth: their provision & Necessary's: wee wish y^{o}: a good voyage & date these in Fort S^{t}: George this 15th: day of Feb^{ry}: 169¾.

To Ensigne W^{M}: Hancock.

N°: 10. Wee order y^{o}: upon Receipt hereof wth: 15 Europe Soldiers & Topases under your Command to goe aboard Ship Armenian Merch^{t}: Capt: Thos: Newnam Commander bound for Fort S^{t}: David where when arrived y^{o}: are to go aShore & follow y^{e}: orders of y^{e}: Worp^{ll}: W^{m}: Hatsell Esquire Dep^{ty}: Govr: &c^{a}: Counc^{ll}: during your Stay there for y^{e}: assistance & defence of that place, & y^{e}: bounds thereof; Keep yor: men in good order & pay due obedience & respect to your Superiors & avoid Contending about Seniority or Precedence but in y^{t}: point as well as in all others follow y^{e}: orders of y^{e}: Dep^{ty}: Govr: & Coun^{ll}: to whom wee have wrote Concerning you. Dated in Fort S^{t}: George this 15th: day of Feb^{ry}: 169¾.

To ye: Worpll: Willm: Hatsell Esqr: Fort St: George
Deptx: Govr: &ca: Counll: att Fort St: David. ffebry: ye: 15th: 1693/4.

Our last was ye: 12th: Inst: This comes by Ship Armenian Mercht: Capt: No: 11.
Thos: Newnam Commander whom wee have sent to your assistance with 30 Soldiers under ye: Command of Ensigne Hancock as yo: will ꝑceive by ye: Inclosed Copies of our orders to ye: Captain & Ensigne & List of Soldiers who are paid to ye: end of this month.

Wee have also Sent yo: provisions & Garrison Stores Such as wee think yo: may want & broad cloath & Lead for Sale & as ꝑ Invoice & bill of Lading inclosed to Pages: [. . .] If wee have Sent yo: more than yo: have Occasion for or Can sell returne ym: to us by the same Shipp.

By our Order to ye: Comander yo: will ꝑceive he is to give yo: the necessary assistance by his Charter party he is oblig'd to Serve with 14 men a Shore when Required probably he will Spare more upon Occasion.

As Soon as ye: Occasion of Sending ye: Ship & Souldiers is over returne them to us.

To avoid difference between Ensigne Hancock & your Ensigne wee have given him ꝑticular order to obey yours in that point, as well as others wee think his Station is next to Ensigne Reay. Wee are

Yor: affecte: Friends
Nath: Higginson.
John: Dolben.
Willm: Fraser.

To ye: Worpll: Willm: Hatsell Esqr:
Govr: & Counll: att Fort St: David.

Our last was ye: 17th: Inst: by Land & by Armenian Mercht: this Comes No: 12.
by Ship Northampton Capt: Phripp Commander whom wee have sent to go & fetch all ye: bales yo: have Ready. As Soon as ye: arrivall hasten to lade them & dispatch ye: Ship to us with orders if he meet ye: Sampson under Sail att Sea in his Returne, to deliver ye: bales aboard her wth: your Lre: to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: & Invoice, & bill of Lading fitt for Signing wch: Capt: Phripp may See Signed & Inclose with ye: Invoice in your Said Lre. to ye: Compa:

If you can dispose of Lead att or near the Same price you have formerly Sold you may take out of the Armenian Merchant so much as you can vend and Remitt us the Account thereof. Lett the Commander or Purser see ye: weights.

Dont keep this Ship in expectation of getting more bales, but send wt: are ready & ye: Rest as soon as you have another opportunity. Wee are

Yor: affecte: Friends
Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
Willm: Fraser.

ffebry: ye: 21: 1693/4.

Febry: ye: 22d: 1693/4.

To ye: Rt: Worpll: ye: Agent & Counll:
for Affairs of ye: Rt: Honble: English
East India Compa: In Bengall.

Our last was 17th: Janry: On ye: 18th: Inst: Ship Sampson Surprized us No: 13.
wth: her Unexpected Arrivall here and brought us your Pacquett Containing your Genll: Lre. to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: & Fort St: George dated 13th:

January with Invoice & bill of Lading for her Cargo and another Letter from M^r: Ravenhill inclosing a bill of lading & Invoice of 178 : bales Nillaes Laden on board her from Ballasore Amo^{ts}: to Rup^s: 52798. The Sampson meeting w^{th}: a tedious passage & Arriving here so late wee have but a very short time to Compleat her Lading w^{ch}: as y^e: Capt: tells us will Require Six or Seven hundred bales & having dispatch't y^e : Samuell Lading just before her Arrival and your former advices having given us to understand not only your Resolution but Probable prospect of Sending y^e: Sampson from Bengall w^{th}: y^e: Charles wee were not in a readiness to dispatch her lading from hence w^{th}: that expedition which y^e: season of y^e: year Requires but yett hope to fill her up & send her away in a few daies.

The Ships Royall James & Mary Princess Anne of Denmark & Armenian $Merch^t$: arrived here y^e: 3^d: & 4th: Ins^t: & brought Pacquetts from y^e: R^t: Honble : $Comp^a$: for Bengall which wee herewith Remitt you. Wee hope y^e: Hawk may be arrived w^{th}: you in $Beng^{ll}$: The late Arrivall of these two Ships Viz^t : after y^e: time w^{ch} : was designed by y^e: R^t : Honble : $Comp^a$: for their dispatch from India hath alter'd their disposall wee have therefore traversed 14 Chests of Silver from y^e : Royall James & Mary to y^e : Princess Anne of Denmark whose Bengall Cargoe wee have Continued entire & Send her to you w^{th} : this large Stock y^t : y^o : may begin early with s^d : Investments & have time to provide for their Lading & dispatch of these Ships as follows.

As soon as the Princess shall be unladen lade aboard her 4 or 5,000 baggs of Saltpetre but Secure enough for y^e : kentilage of y^e : Royall James & Mary & y^e : Hawk with 3 or 400 bales or as many as you can Spare from y^e : other Ships & Send her hither filled up with provisions &c^a : in y^e : latter end of August or so soon as y^e : Monsoon will ⅌ mitt wee designe to fill her up here & dispatch her in October for England.

The Royall James & Mary wee intend to dispatch from hence to y^e: West Coast & from thence to proceed in y^e: latter end of June for $Beng^{ll}$: w^{th} : w^t : Pepper Shall be there ready by y^t : time & wee shall leave her & y^e : Hawk to be dispatch'd by yor : Selves from Bengall directly for England as soon as you can.

The pepper w^{ch}: y^o: Shall receive from the West Coast let it be divided among y^e : 3 Shipps proportionably.

Wee have laden on y^e : Princess Anne of Denmark & Royall James & Mary 60 Tunn of Redwood each ; which will be enough for their Charter party proportion & for y^e : Hawk also y^e : overplus may be laden on either of them if y^e : $Commd^r$: desires it att 15^{ll} a Tunn or Reserved for another Occasion.

Wee have hopes of Sending y^e : Armenian Mercht : on a voyage to China & on her Return in Jan^{ry} : next do intend to lade her from hence to England.

Having thus given y^o : y^e : prospect of the disposall of y^e : Ships Consider & Calculate how far & in w^t : manner you shall be able to Comply therewith & when y^o : have well Consider'd it give us an $Acco^t$: by pattamarrs y^t : wee may know what to depend on.

In yor : Gen^{ll} : Lre. to y^e : R^t : Honble : $Comp^a$: dat : 13th : Jan^{ry} : you write that you intended to dispatch y^e : Sampson in August but orders from y^e : Fort for Lading ⅌ missive goods on y^e : Charles y^e : Second prevented it. Wee desire y^o : to explain your meaning not being Sensible of any Such orders that went from hence unless y^o : mean y^e : private orders of $Merch^{ts}$: Concerned in y^e : ⅌ missive goods.

Wee hope y^o : have Secured a Sufficient quantity of Saltpetre & desire you to buy as much more if you can.

Wee desire y^o : to explain what y^o : mean by y^e : four Armenians $Merch^{ts}$: Passengers on Charles y^e: Second paying 5 ⅌ C^t : permission. If y^e : Dutch make warr with y^e : Moores it is not Consistent with y^e : Articles of peace between y^e : two nations that they should any way Impeed or Stop our trade or Ships & wee may reasonably expect and insist upon it that they observe y^e : said Articles as Strictly with us as wee did with them in y^e : same case.

As to ye : Interlopers ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : have given you their directions in their Genll : Lres, whereunto wee need not add only if yo : find any of ye : Rt : Honble : Company's Servants to deal or have any correspondance wth : them to ye : Prejudice of their Masters interest keep Such persons in Some Constant Imploy within ye : Factory which is ye : place of their aboad & when yo : have an Opportunity Send them to us. Reports give us Occasion to Suspect Mr : Hill & Mr : Crook wee expect ye : former to repair to Fort St : George according to ye : Comissary's generall orders wee fear ye : Latter has his head fill'd wth : wrong Notions of Jemmedar Ships &ca : wch : will one time or other give yo : trouble with ye : Governmt : Such a man is not fitt to live among yo :

Wee perceive yo : are still of Opinion yt : ye : Mogull has taken off ye : Stop on trade but ye : orders are Stopt in ye : hands of ye : Court Officers for want of Passhes [*sic*] wee have imployed some friends to make enquiry in ye : Mogull's Court how that matter Stands & have Some time expected an account of it wee are sensible yt : till that order be Reversed yo : not only depend on ye : Nabob & Duans favour but must be obliged to ye : under Officers also for their Connivance & it cannot be expected that yo : will be able to Carry on yor : business & obstruct ye : Interlopers without passhes you are also under another Considerable difficulty yt : ye : Interlopers vie with yo : in ye : buying of goods & will outbid ye : Company's usuall prices so that yo : must either give dearer for goods or go without them in which case tis Our Opinion yt : you buy rather than want goods or lett ye : Interlopers Run away with ym : & is agreeable to ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : orders in their Genll : Lre. to you wherein they do not limitt yo : to price, or sorts of goods, These matters being left to you[r] descrection and fidelity.

The Commissary Genll : having ordered ye : withdrawing of ye : upper factory's wee cannott reverse it but must await ye : Genll : order from Surratt being a matter of great Importance besides it seems more advisable till ye : Mogull shall reverse ye : Stop on trade & till a judgment Can be made of yo : Consequence of ye : Dutch proceedings for wch : reason it is also better to forbear building a new factory at least till yo : can obtain ye : Nabobs perwanna for it.

The Rt : Honble : Compa : in their 19 paragraph of their Genll : Letter to yo : do very earnestly Recommend ye : employing of Muttradas & much depend on him for defeating ye : Interlopers but contrary to their expectation he is fallen in wth : Mr : Pitt &ca : & by report has contracted for ye : greatest part of his Cargoe, their Honours give yo : a very large latitude in treating with him & if you prosecute it accordingly wee hope it will prove effectuall & ye : rather because Padre Evans is gone.

Had there been any probability of dispatching one of ye : 2 : great Ships with Saltpetre &ca : to ye : west Coast before ye : Coming in of ye : Southerly Monsoone wee would have Sent ye : Royall James & Mary along with ye : Princess but wee are Informed you have but one Small Bayer fitt for Service, & therefore could not Send ye : Saltpetre &ca : to lade her in Ballasore road & if she goes up ye : river to lade att Chuttanutta She cannott come down & So both ye : great Ships would have been idle, for half a year together in Bengall & therefore wee have Sent ye : Royall James & Mary first to ye : West Coast; With this Ship comes Mr : Marshal Mr : Cormell & Mr : Hearn factors ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : in ye : 12th : paragraph of their Letter do make mention of Mr : Cormell by wch : it does appear that notwithstanding his factors Indentures he Commences Mercht : from ye : time of his arrival in India.

Wee appoint Mr : Roger Bradley & Mr : Edw : Cormell of Counll : in Bengll : & So to Continue till order from his Excy : ye : Genll : of India Sr : John Gayer (who wee hope is now att Surratt) or from our selves to ye : Contrary, Mr : Bradley to take place next to Mr : Beard & Mr : Cormell as last of Councill.

By this Ship wee Send yo : Francis Cooke a Serjeant for those few Soldiers you have, who want no Commission Officer.

Herewth : goes ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : Pacquett to you & ye : Duplicate of what Necessary's Shall be Sent you by ye : next Opportunity.

Advise us by all opportunitys of w^{t} : progress y^{o} : make in your Investmt^{s} : y^{e} : Sorts & quantity's of goods as they Come in & fail not to Supply us with a Store of Saltpetre. Wee are

Yo^{r} : very affect^{e} : friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN : DOLBEN.
WILL^{M} : FRASER.

P.S.—Advise us at what rate y^{o} : can Sell broad cloth, Cloth rashes Parpetuanuas & Lead & y^{e} : Quantity. Idem.

Wee have taken out of y^{e} : Princess one bale of broad cloth fine N^{o} : A : 1 : amo^{t} : ℘ Invoice 27^{LL} : & have rec^{d} : ashore here y^{e} : Armenian goods y^{e} : freight amounts to 122^{LL}. 8. for which wee shall give y^{o} : Acco^{t} : Creditt, Wee have much occasion for a Share of those rarity's which y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : have Sent you out for Presents, but wee were not willing to deprive you of any of y^{m} : Supposing y^{o} : may have frequent occasion : but if you Can Spare any of them Send us Some of all Sorts except y^{e} : wax Images whereof wee have too much already. Idem.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO BENGALL ℘ PRINCESS.

N° 1. Fort S^{t} : George Gen^{ll} : Lrẽ dated 22^{d} : feb^{ry} : 1693/4.
2. Bill of Lading for treasure & Redwood laden in Fort S^{t} : George on Princess Anne of Denmark.
3. Invoice of Ditto.
4. R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : Pacquett to Beng^{ll} : ℘ Princess as ℘ List except N^{o} : 4 : Viz^{t} :

N^{o} : 1 : Comp^{a} : Gen^{ll} : to y^{e} : Bay dat : 10th Aprill 93.
2 : Duplicate of y^{e} : Comp^{as} : Gen^{ll} : to y^{e} : Fort dated 10th : Aprill 1693.
3 : Copy of Some paragraphs in y^{e} : Lrẽ to Surratt.
4 : Commission for Constituting a Judge advocate & Attorney Gen^{ll} : for y^{e} : Bay.
5 : Abstract of y^{e} : Invoice of y^{e} : Princess Royall James & Mary Armenian Merch^{t} : & Hawk for y^{e} : Fort.
6 : Copy of y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Gen^{ll} : Lett^{r} : to Bengall dated 28th : Aprill 1693.
7 : Royall James and Mary's Invoice to Beng^{ll} : from England.
8 : List of Pacquett.
9 : Invoice of y^{e} : Princess of Denmark.
10 : Bill of Lading on Said Shipp.
11 : Charterparty of d^{o} : to be translated to ye Fort if y^{e} : Ship be Sent thither.
12 : List of Factors & writers for y^{e} : Coast & Bay.
13 : List of y^{e} : Pacquett ℘ Princess Ann of Denmark. Accountant Gen^{ll} : Lrẽ to y^{e} : Bay dat : 8th : Aprill 93.

TO CAP^{T}. JOHN BLUETT COMMAND^{R} :
OF SHIP PRINCESS ANNE OF DENMARK.

No : 14. Upon Receipt hereof y^{o} : are to repair aboard your Ship & with y^{e} : first opportunity of wind & weather weigh anchor & Sett Saile & make the best of your way for y^{e} : most Speedy attaining of y^{e} : Port of Bengall where when you are arrived you are to deliver our pacquett herewith deliver'd you as directed to

y^{e}: R^{t}: Worp^{ll}: Agent &c^{a}: Coun^{ll}: for affairs of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: English East India Comp^{a}: att Chuttanutte unto whom you go Consigned & whose orders you are to follow for your unlading lading & further proceedings. In your way you are to Call att Vizagapatam & there deliver y^{e}: treasure & goods here laden on board your Shipp & Consigned to M^{r}: Simon Holcombe Cheif &ca: Coun^{ll}: w^{ch}: you are to dispatch in 24 hours after your anchoring in y^{e}: road & to proceed for Beng^{ll}: as above mentioned. Wee wish you a good voyage and date this in Fort S^{t}: George this 24th: of February 1693/4.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE
FFEB^{RY}: Y^{E}: 24TH: 1693/4.

TO NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWN BAWHADER.

Yo^{r}: Exc^{y}: is Sensible that y^{e}: Grand Vizier by your assistance & means N^{o}: 15.
granted us three townes, now Arsemonague's People are very troublesome to us for those towns by y^{e}: Duan Moorabdae List they act very unreasonable for they would take away the towns, once I made my request to your Exc^{y}: & you were pleased to answer mee after your Return from y^{e}: Southward those towns or better should be given to us: May it please your Exc^{y}: now Arsemonagues People for what reason wee know not have a mind to quarrell with us, Wee took those towns into our possession by your father & your Order, Wee have writing under your fathers Seal which is well known to all Europe people as well as Natives y^{t}: you bestowed them on us, a great honour to y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}: So y^{t}: if wee should now deliver them away to Arsemanagues people it would be a great dishonour, and since y^{e}: English have lived in these parts they have been honourable & lived peaceably both in Serving y^{e}: King & his Servants & now they take those towns from us tho' wee have not in the least offended them in any thing, So wee humbly desire your Exc^{y}: that you will not now Suffer us to receive any disgrace; Since wee have had y^{e}: towns wee have not rec^{d}: any profitt from them for last year Marrah Caun Maccus People rec^{d}: it & this year just as wee begin to gett Something Assumanagues people came & disturbed us; yearly by those towns may gett 3 or 400 pag^{es}: w^{ch}: is no great profitt nor Scarce any thing toward our Charges; So that it being a thing So well known among all Europe People & y^{e}: Natives of this Country, Wee desire yor: Exc^{y}: to order us those towns y^{t}: wee may still ℘serve our Honour & Reputation as heretofore which hope yor: Exc^{y}: will not See abused therefore please to give order to Assumanaigues people that they may not molest us. Your Exc^{y}: may well remember y^{e}: Severall Services wee have done in Uscar Cauns time of trouble & Alumarde Cauns and Severall other Servants of y^{e}: Kings when y^{e}: Dutch twice att Policat d͠d them to y^{e}: Morattes & yet the Dutch live Honble: & wee dishonourable what Reason is this, & now Tripolocane which hath always belong^{d}: to Madrass Assuma Naigues people demand it as well as y^{e}: other three towns bringing y^{e}: Duan Newradars writing for y^{e}: Same all which wee desire yor: Exc^{y}: to bring into your Serious Consideration. So Remaine

Yo^{r}: Exc^{ys}: very Humble Servants
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.

TO M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Our last was 23^{d} past Inclosed is Invoice & bill of Lading for goods & No: 16
treasure Sent y^{o}: by Princess Anne of Denmark Capt: John Bluett Comander amounts to Pag^{es}: 9155: 30 which is all that wee can Send y^{o}: att present wanting ready Cash but upon Receipt hereof Contract with yor: Merch^{ts}: for 15,00

Pagodas to be brought in August & Sept: next in long Cloth, Salampores Striped beteelas before ye: Southerly Monsoon will give us opportunity hereafter to Supply yo: farther.

By this Ship wee Send you Mr: Richard Bridges Factor & Mr: Joseph Hynmers Writer to be employed as you find Occasion.

Hasten ye: unlading of your goods out of ye: Princess as Soon as yo: Can that She may proceed on her voyage to Bengall.

The Genll: Lres from ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: and all other advices do Concurr yt: his Majesty hath granted a Charter to ye: present East India Compa: which is enough to Confute ye: idle forged Stories Scatter'd by ye: Interlopers. Wee are,

Yor: affecte: Friends

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

ffort St: George
ffebry: ye: 26: 1694.

FEBRY: YE: 28TH: 1693/4.

To HIS EXCY: ASSID CAUN
GRAND VIZIER TO THE GREAT MOGULL.

No: 17. Since ye: Kings beginning to Raign it is now 37 yeares I have often acquainted yor: Excy: of ye: many Services done to his Majesty and his Servants in Ascar Caun & Alemerde Caun's time yo: Cannott but be Sensible of it besides ye: Provision & wee have always Sent up still continuing ye: Same to yor: Camp att Chingee & Vandrawash upon wch: yor: Excy: gott from Prince Caun Bux his Naushaun for us for three towns wch: were given us as a free gift together with your own Seal & Perwanna for ye: Same besides wch: yor: Excy: have often promised in yor: Lettrs: yt: you would gett ye: Kings Phirmaund for us at ye: Kings Camp to Send it us presently & more especially when yo: Should arrive & to ye: Dutch yo: have granted 5 towns & to us but three by which wee shall gett no more than 300 Pages: ℘annum, So according to yor: Excys: orders wee have taken under our protection those three towns now Assuma Naigues people Come with Merja Noradaes Seal & demand ye: Same Giving us a great deal of trouble as also Tripilicane which always belong'd to us they Contriving all ways possible to breed a quarrell So that wee might incurr his Majesty's and yor: Excys: displeasure and likewise loose those Towns wch: would be a great dishonour to us, wee did not take them by force but you well know it was by your order, neither Shall wee ever take any thing without his Majesty's or your Excys: now since yor: Excy: have so often promised us according to our desire ye: Kings Phyrmand together wth: yor: owne Parwanna and for those towns, wee again do desire you to gett it us imediately wch: if doe will be a great Honour to us amongst all Europeans wee wholly rely on yor: Excy: and have none other to trust to, for to protect us, therefore wee desire you to take Care that no one does us any wrong or Injury. I am

Yor: Excys: humble: Servt:
NATH: HIGGINSON.

ARTICLES TO BE IN YE: PHIRMAUND
PRESIDENT HIGGINSON THE ENGLISH
GOVERNOUR OF CHINAPATNAM

HUMBLE REQUEST.

No: 1: According to my desire grant a Phirmaund Horse and Cloth's which may gaine mee a great Honr: Vizt:

2: Madrass and Trivelicane for which every year wee are wont to pay 1200 Pages: forgive us.

3: Our Factory's in ye: Viziapoore & Golcondah Country according to Salabad forgive us Vizt:

4: In ye: Viziapore Country Conimeer Factory, Tevnapatam a Small fortification & factory, Cuddulore Factory, Porto Novo & Trimlevass factory.

5. In Golcondah, Metchlepatam, Pettipolee, Vizagapatam & Madapollum factory's together with ye: Rest of our factory's in ye: Gingerlee Country.

6: The towns of Tandore, Perchewaka & Egmore being near to Madrass by them may gett every year 300 Pags: which desire yo: to give freely to Honble: Compa:

7: That ye: gold Mohores, pagodos, & Rupees wch: wee Coin in Madrass wth: Allingeers chopp may goe Currantly.

8: That in Metchlepatam wee have Oxhire free, ye: Same wth: ye: Dutch.

9. English Ships Cast away upon ye: Shore by Storm or Seas both Ship & goods be Returned.

10: All Ships belonging to ye: English Compa: & having their Passes that shall come to any of ye: Seaports belonging to ye: Mogull may trade but if they have no pass from ye: Company's the English Company is not Concerned with them but desire they may be examined for fear they be Piratts.

TO YE: WORPLL: WILLM: HATSELL ESQR: MARCH YE: 3D: 1693/4.
DEPTY: GOVR: OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA: COUNCILL.

Our last was ye: 21st: past in which month wee Received Severall from yo: No. 18.
to which upon a reveiw wee find wee have not given due answar, in yours of ye: 3d: Febry: you mentioned two brass rabbonitts taken from Ship Madapollum weighing 7c: qt: 1: 23ll: enclosed comes ye: Invoice thereof which was omitted to be Sent you before.

In yors: of ye: 7th: ffebry: yo: have mentioned a pardon granted to Capt: Samll: Williams & desire you to Send us a Copy thereof.

In yors: of ye: 8th: Febry: you write for gilt paper whereof wee here send yo: 12 sheets cost 1: Page: of Silver Ingotts wee Suppose yo: mean yo: cannot Sell them at a good price wee desire att what rate yo: can Sell Silver Ingotts wch: is Standard or near & what Quantity Concerning which discourse yor: Merchts: if yo: Can Sell more broad Cloth Perpetuanas & Cloth Rashes then wee have Sent yo: advise us wee can Supply you with more. You may also take as much Lead out of ye: Armenian Mercht: as you think yo: Can Sell in 6 months wee Sell our broad Cloth here at about 30 Pages: a peice Perpetuanas fine att Pages: 16: Ordinary att Pages: 11: Clothes Rashes att Pages: 20: Lead in Quantity att Pagodo's 11: ½ ℔ Candy.

Yours of 25th: Inst: by Capt: Phripp we have Recd: with ye: Invoice & bill of Lading for 60 bales which came in very good time to fill up ye: Sampson who wee dispatch't ye: first Inst: full Laden for England & by her Sent your Genll: Lre to the Rt: Honble: Compa: ye: Duplicate whereof wee recd: ye: 27th past with Copy of your Invoice & Copy of Zulphaker Cauns Parwanna.

Yesterday wee recd: letters from Bengll: by a private Ship advising that Mr: Charles Eyres was in pursuance of ye: Commissary's genll: orders installed Agent of Bengall in ye: room of Mr: Francis Ellis & they give a good Accot: of ye: State of affairs there So yt: wee hope ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: business will go on Successfully having on ye: 24th: past dispatch't ye: Princess wth: a Stock of above 6 lack of Rupees she was also order'd to Call at Vizagapatam & deliver ye: goods & treasure Sent for ye: Support of ye: Factory in order to ye: finishing their old Contract & beginning a new one for goods deliverable in August & September next Expecting yt: wee Should have Occasion to dispatch a large Ship from hence to Europe & therefore desire yo: to hasten ye: finishing of yor: old Contract & begin another for 15,000 Pages: deliverable att ye: Same time but because wee are yett uncertain whether wee Shall have Occasion to dispatch a Ship Smaller for Europe in May or June next, gett as many bales ready as yo: Can

possibly by y^{e}: first of May & you need Send no more hither till further order, the Southerly Monsoon will permitt their being Sent hither at any times when wee shall advise the Occasion.

The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: in their Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to Fort S^{t}: George dated y^{e}: 10th: Aprill last do not limitt it to Sorts & Numbers in Investm^{ts}: but do require y^{e}: enlargem^{t}: thereof in all Sorts, as best procurable but wee must Spend our Stock in fine goods y^{e}: Tunnage of these four Ships requiring y^{t}: our Investm^{ts}: be all made in Courser goods if possibly procureable. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Affectionate friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
W^{M}: FRASER.

TO Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}: DEP^{TY}:
GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

No: 19. Wee Send y^{o}: Inclosed for yor: perusall a duplicate of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to Fort S^{t}: George dated 10th: Aprill last w^{ch}: returne to us with Such advices or objections as y^{o}: think requisite to Communicate to us upon any part thereof You being Confirm'd of your Councill by y^{e}: 25th: paragraph. Wee are

Yo^{r} Affectionate friends.

Fort S^{t}: George
March y^{e}: 3^{d}: 1693/4.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
W^{M}: FRASER.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE
Y^{E}: 11TH: MARCH 1693/4.

TO Y^{E}: DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}: & COUN^{LL}: FOR AFFAIRS OF
Y^{E}: R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^{A}:
ATT YORK FORT ON Y^{E}: COAST OF SUMATRA.

No: 20. There has been So many Complaints made to us as well by Severall of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Servants as others of Charles Fleetwood Esqr: his ill mange^{mt}: of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: affairs w^{ch}: doth also appear by many gross Omissions & wilfull errors in his owne Acco^{ts}: too many to be here Innumerated, wee find our Selves obliged to dismiss & wee do hereby by vertue of y^{e}: Authority derived to us from y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: dismiss & discharge y^{e}: said Charles Fleetwood from being Dep^{ty}: Govr: & Cheif of York Fort Bencoolen &c^{ca}: Factory's on y^{e}: west Coast of Sumatra Revoking & annulling all y^{e}: power & authority Conferred on y^{e}: Said Charles Fleetwood by y^{e}: Presid^{t}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: George by their Commission & Instruction dated y^{e}: 21st: September 1691 & wee do hereby order & require y^{o}: Said Charles Fleetwood upon sight hereof to deliver & Cause to be delivered into y^{e}: Charge & possession of y^{e}: Dep^{ty}: Govr: & Coun^{ll}: hereafter named y^{e}: Said Fort & Factory's on y^{e}: west coast of Sumatra with all y^{e}: goods money & estate there belonging to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: & wee do hereby nominate & appoint y^{e}: Worp^{ll}: Samuell Willson Esqr: to be Govr: of York Fort & Cheif of Bencoolen &c^{a}: Factory's on y^{e}: west coast of Sumatra for affairs of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: English East India Comp^{a}: & wee do require all y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Serv^{ts}: Officers Souldiers & Inhabitants there to yeild due Obedience & Respect to him Accordingly. & wee do appoint M^{r}: Francis Betts to be Second & next of Councill of York Fort & in case of Mortality to Succeed after y^{e}: Said Sam^{ll}: Wilson & M^{r}: Hugh Kennedy Third & M^{r}: Phillip Hawthorne fourth of Councill & wee do hereby empower & authorize y^{e}: S^{d}: Dep^{ty}: Govr: & Councill to demand & Receive from y^{e}: S^{d}: Charles Fleetwood y^{e}: S^{d}: Fort & y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Estate & Concerns there &c^{a}: factory's on y^{e}: west coast of

Sumatra having orderd Mr: Francis Betts to go to [P]riamong upon Ship Madapollum & from thence to proceed to York Fort wee appoint him Cheif of [P]ryamong during his Stay there & Mr: Charles Frith 2d: & do empower ye: Sd: Francis Betts to examine & State ye: Accots: of ye: factory requiring all ℘sons there to Render their Accots: to him as he Shall see Cause to demand ye: Same & upon his Arrivall to Cause a true Accot: of ye: real remain to be taken. Wee have Sent Duplicate hereof by Mr: Francis Betts on ye: Mada: Wee are

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WM: FRASER.

FORT ST: GEORGE
12TH: MARCH 93-4.

TO SAMLL: WILLSON ESQR:
GOVR: &CA: COUNLL: ATT YORK FORT.

1. Wee have Recd: your L~e by ye: Madapollum dated ye: 11th: Sept: last with ye: Severall Books & Papers According to List & your Lettr: of no date by Ship Northampton ye: former gives us an Accot: of ye: designe yo: undertooke for ye: Recovering of Indapore and your disappointment by ye: Buggesses refusing to Proceed from Priamong upon that Service. That factory has been So Chargeable to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: that all ye: Pepper that has been bought there will not pay a tenth part of the Charges & it is in vain to throw away more money upon Attempt of Regaining it unless it be undertaken with an assurance of Success in a Settlemt: upon better terms & a management to better purpose for ye: future which is under Consideration in ye: mean time lett us Secure what wee have. No: 21.

2. Att ye: departure of ye: Northampton you had in Cash 5,439 Dollars & drew bill upon us for above 7,000 Dollars, by ye: Madapollum you had before drawn bills on us for 6,498: Dollars payable to Capt: Howell & wee Sent you ye: last year 20,000 Dollars by ye: Madapollum besides Stores. Wee dont find by ye: Cash yt: there was above 2,267 Dollars paid for Pepper ye: rest all goes in Charges wch: makes yor: Pepper come out very dear, & will be dearer by ye: increase of ye: Charge of ye: Slaves unless you find some way to employ them profittably wch: is a matter of great Concernmt: & ought to be your particular Study till you have reduced them into some order of daily labour for the Support of their Charges.

3. Wee send you by ye: Madapollum Stores of all Sorts & you write for more but give us no Accot: of their expences nor of their private charges. Lett copies thereof be remitted to us, Your Storekeepers List of Stores wanting Seems to be Calculated att random without Consulting ye: Accots: & books as if he did not take much care either in ye: keeping or Expending them he writes for all Sorts of Carpenters Joyners & Coopers tools they being all Spoilt. Wee Sent you in March last all sorts & if in half a year they were Spoilt it is in vain to Send more, Wee send you: 10: barrells of Powder English & 10 Candy powder Country 300: LL English match. If these be all spent already you have had Some extraordinary Occasion. Wee have not Spent in Fort St: George above ½ so much English powder ⅓ So much English match, & but litle more country Powder, However wee Send you a farther Supply & desire to have an Accot: of ye: Expence.

4. In ye: 9th Paragraph you say that Some of 222 Coffreys are employed as directed but wee hear not ye: tenth part but they are fed wholly out of yor: Stores & Buzzarr which is so great an Omission in Mr: Fleetwood that he deserves to make good all ye: charge unless he give a better reason for it yn: that the Coffrey's dont delight in ye: peice of ground assigned them & wee do require ye: Cheif & Counll: for ye: future to take care that ye: Coffreys be employed in Some profitable Service as formerly directed which will never be effected to any purpose unless ye: Cheif himself will take Some pains & See them put into method of Labour which will appear by their Creditt in ye: books.

5. In ye: 17: Paragraph ye: reason rendered of sparing Capt: Howell pepper is ye: want of money to pay Capt: Darow for his Slaves but it was ye: profitt of Howells goods which Mr: Fleetwood recd: & disposed to a Considerable advantage & allowed ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: no part of profitt but he must now be Responsible for ye: whole & wee require him to Render a true Accot: thereof.

6. It is very Strange that ye: Chinamen after they had made ye: bricks could not be perswaded to burn them. Wee have now Sent Paul Daimton who served an apprentiship to a bricklayer & will be able to direct & employ ye: Negroes in the making & burning ye: bricks without being beholden to ye: Chinamen & be Serviceable in building.

7. In ye: 23d: Paragraph yo: give two reasons why yo: Can't carry on ye: ditch thro' ye: swamp into ye: Sea Vizt: yt: ye: Sand is higher than ye: Swamp & yt: in digging a Small depth you meet wth: Spring[s]. ye: latter seems to be no Objection & ye: first may be Rectifyed by driving piles of wood at ye: End of ye: ditch which leads into ye: Sea wch: will prevent the Sea's wearing away ye: Sand & making a breach into ye: Land unless ye: depth of ye: ditch be lower than ye: surface of ye: Sea & then it will be very difficult to effect it without a Sluice to open & Shutt, you consider well of it & if possible contrive Some way for accomplishing it, being of very great importance as well for ye: healthiness of ye: place as ye: advantage yo: will gain by ye: use of ye: land when dreined & will render ye: present Scituation of ye: Fort as good as ye: hilly promontory your draught mentions to be ye: fittest & is so much ye: better because nearer ye: river's mouth.

8. Since Robert Henderson proves So usefull to you in ye: Hospitall wee approve his continuance in that Imploymt : att Factors Sallary & are well Satisfyed to hear So good a report of David Davice whom you impute as a Secretary his diligent & faithfull Service will have due consideration in time.

9. In ye: 27th: Paragraph yo: write that you cannot imploy Heady as a Gardiner for want of seeds which is but a sorrowful excuse for a gross neglect. Wee have sent you some seeds to obviate yt: excuse but know yo: Cannott want Seeds roots &ca: for planting & do expect in a Short time ye: Negroes to be imployed So as to find themselves Victualls.

10. Wee Send yo: 10: butts of Bengll: arrack wth: order to lett ye: Soldiers have it by daily allowance att a reasonable rate. You write in ye: 33rd: paragraph you have done so, & wee wish yo: could prove it by an accot: of ye: expences being informed yt: not above two butts were so employed & much of ye: rest sold to some friends of Mr: Fleetwood's for keeping a punch house, Wee suppose there may be some bought since by Mr: Fleetwood for Supply of ye: Garrison. If So lett ye: overplus of it cost above ye: price of ye: Sd: Bengall Arrack be charged to Mr: Fleetwood's Accounts. Wee have now Sent yo: Some Bengll: Arrack and again require that ye: Same may be distributed among ye: Soldiers att ye: rate of 3 drams a day for a dollar a month.

11. Wee cannott coyn ye: Mexico small money as yo: propound of ye: due weight & fineness wth:out being looser & to make them worse would be ye: Counterfeiting & debating [*sic*] one of ye: noblest coin[s] in ye: world but wee hope in time you may cause your fanams to pass Currantly if they take att [P]ryamong they will by degrees make their way further to promote which if you find occasion Lett them go 20 for a dollar by which ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: will have a profitt. It is not likely that they will pass long or far at ye: rate of 16: to a Dollr:

12. Wee have sent yo: no Cocks nor Hens being well assured you have a good Stock, Nor Sheep, yo: having store of Goats wch: thrive better, Wee have Sent yo: a few Ducks & Turkeys for breed.

13. Lett those persons that belong'd to Indrapore & came to Bencoolen be examined as to ye: manner & reasons of ye: leaving yt: factory and ꝑticularly wtt: they know concerning ye: Dutch having a hand in it & Send us their examinations.

14. Wee well approve of yor: proposall of Sending one vessell to yo: in March & another in October & if wee meet with no extraordinary disappointmt: Shall

accordingly send y°: another vessell in October next. Wee now send y^e: Royall James & Mary & y^e: Madapollum y^e: first directly to York Fort & y^e: other to call at [P]ryamong & deliver treasure & stores for their supply & to lye there till M^r: Betts shall have finished the business he is ordered & then to proceed to York Fort w^th: w^tt: pepper shall be ready in their Godowns; The copy of y^e: Madapollum's Invoice comes inclosed by which y°: will understand how to direct y^e: delivery of Stores at [P]ryamong for their further supply if wee have sent too little or too much of any thing.

15. Wee send y°: herew^th: y^e: Acco^t: of Capt: Perrimans voyage to y°: time of his Arrivall their being undertaken & y^e: ship detained for y^e: service of y^e: west coast. The charges of y^e: whole is propperly charged to Priamans settlem^ts: tho' there will be a considerable loss & a great ℘t whereof was occasioned by M^r: Sowden &c^a: their unnecessary detaining y^e: Ship to lay to no purpose after the returne from Madagascar.

16. Wee have perused yor: Consultation of 29th: Aprill last concerning demanding Custome of Chinamen & can only say y^t: y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^a; are very positive in their Orders for receiving it of all ℘sons without distinction, & y^t: order must be put in execution So Soon as possibly you can & if there be any competent number of them come to settle among y°: (as tho' y°: Suddainly expected) you must not deferr it any longer. But it will be unreasonable & matter of great disgust if y°: demand from them Arrears of custome for y^e: time past unless y°: contracted w^th: them or declared to them att their settlem^t: y^t: they should pay if ordered from hence, You must also receive 5 ℘C^t: for all goods Imported from Fort S^t: George or any other place notwithstanding any certificate for custom once paid.

17. Wee have Sent y°: Some more wheat (having no flower & if wee had it would not keep good long) tho' y°: write for none unless a mill Sent, you have a mill but dont know it & y°: have stones fitt for grinding wheat but if you wont take y^e: pains to get y^e: wheat grounded for your own eating wee will send no more.

18. Wee have sent y°: as many Soldiers as wee can Spare being Sensible y^t: y°: will want them for y^e: Securing [P]ryamong & y^e: parts lying between that & York Fort, which is of y^e: more importance since Indapoora is lost.

19. M^r: Fleetwood remitting Capt: Knox the custome of 30 baher of pepper, for his supplying stores att y^e: Battavia price seems to have done for a valuable consideration & therefore excusable (tho' that practice is not to be practised) but y^e: Custome remitted to Capt: Howell for 268 baher of pepper & y^e: abatem^ts: made y^e: Malay's is to be Charged to M^r: Fleetwood's Acco^ts: tho' when Capt: Howell comes back from his voyage wee will endeavour to recover that due from him.

20. The 20 Paragraph [*sic*] paid here to Henderson & Davice was not given gratis but advanced in part of Sallary & must be So accounted for example Sake Lett them confirme y^e: good report wee hear of them by continuing diligent in their business & they will not fail of due encouragement.

21. In M^r: Sowden's Acco^t: is an error Doll: 300 twice charged to his credit Viz^t: once in y^e: Sum of 300 Doll: Said to [be] lent att first & brought into Cash in July 1693 & y^e: Same Sum included in y^e: Sum of Dollars 945 as appears by examination of particulars. His Acco^t: is not yet Cleared y^e: fort York books having been but lately finished, & there appears many other things to be Considered.

22. Yo^r: Letter ℘ Northampton gives Acco^t: of y^e: Returne & defect of Ship Satisfaction, if She be impearable of Service wee hope y°: have sold her give us an Acco^t: of y^e: Sum that the Accot of the Ship may be cleared.

23. You also advise us of a good Quantity of Pepper procureable att [P]ryamong w^oh: gives us hopes y^t: y°: will have a Store ready for y^e: Royall James & Mary whom y°: are to dispatch for Beng^ll: within two months after her Arrivall w^th: you in y^e: mean time as y°: see occasion you may order y^e: Ship to visit Syllabar & [P]ryamong & y^e: Comd^r: is obliged by Charterparty to assist you when

required with any number of men not exceeding 40: either by Land or Sea as wee have ℘ticularly enjoyn'd in our orders to him Copy whereof goes inclosed. Wee also Send yo: ye: Ships Charterparty which yo: must Send to Bengall with her.

24. Lade as much Pepper upon ye: Royall James & Mary as yo: can procure & Consigne it to ye: Rt: Worpll: Charles Eyres Agent &ca: Counll: at Chuttanutte wch: wee hope will be at least 4: or 500 bahar & advise ye: Agent &ca: Counll: wtt: prospect yo: have of Sending more to us by ye: Madapollum wch: pray fail not to dispatch to us by ye: 20 July or at least So Soon as yt: She may arrive here by the middle of Sept: & Send us wtt: pepper yo: can procure by her, Wee expecting yt: by yt: time one of ye: large Ships will come hither from Bengll: to be dispatch[ed] for Europe & wee depend upon yo: for part of her lading.

25. Permitt no pepper to be laden on ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Ships on freight or Privelige but wtt is weighed by ye: Same weights as ye: Compas: Pepper yt: the weight upon ye: whole may be borne proportionably by all that are Concern'd therein & lett ye: Warehousekeeper Send his Certificate of the Quantity laden.

26. Together wth: yor: Genll: Lettr: ℘ Madapoll: wee recd: a Letter from Mr: Wilson wth: Severall papers according to his List to No: 13: & do well approve his & Mr: Butterfields carefull inspection & particular Accot: of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: affairs. Mr: Frith's ingenious letter to Mr: Wilson dat: 2d: Augst: do's propound ye: falling in with Raja Maucoota in order to ye: Settling of ye: young Prince and by yor: Consultation of 14th: & 17th: Augst: does appear yt: yo: are of ye: Same opinion. The expulsion of ye: Emperor who is in possession & ye: introducing ye: Young Prince who has ye: right is a matter of great importance & not to be undertaken without a good Consideration & prospect of Success for if yo: fail in ye: attempt yo: make ye: Emperour an unreasonable enemy. But if yo: have resolved to take ye: part of ye: Young Prince Lett Articles of Agreemt: be converted in writing wth: ye: Young Prince & Raja Maucoota wherein ye: main thing is to Secure all ye: pepper to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa:.

27. The Certificate concerning ye: Chinamen makes mention of one of them whom Mr: Fleetwood had wronged in a bargain lett yt: be particularly examin'd & ye: damage Stated & cause Mr: Fleetwood to make him Satisfaction which instance of yor: Justice will retrieve ye: discouragem: given them by the Injury.

28. The paper of Memorands: Concerning ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: affairs & ye: two papers Relating to Mr: Fleetwoods Accots: do contain much matter in ym: & are too clear demonstrations of Mr: Fleetwood's gross Omissions wch: look too much like designed frauds. Mr: Betts brings wth: him Copy's of wtt: is material & he has particular Instructions. Let every particular be examined in Consultation & Stated, & what other omissions of ye: like nature have Since come to Mr: Wilson's knowledge & wtt: yo: find due from Mr: Fleetwood to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: be charged to his Accots: wch: if Mr: Fleetwood Shall as he ought readily Submitt to pay into ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Cash he hath notwithstanding liberty of making his Objections to any Articles wch: he may deliver to yo: to be Sent to us wth: yor: answer & wee Shall willingly repay him here any part thereof for wch: he can give us a good reason. But if upon Receipt hereof or in ye: time of your examining his Accots: yo: find him obstinate & Refractory or have reason to think yt: he will not pay, in Such case Seize his Effects & if there be Occasion for it his person also in yor: Fort, till yo: have finished yt: business.

29. As to ye: matter of advice contained in ye: papers dated 24th: May & 25: Augst: which were dd. by Mr: Wilson & Mr: Butterfield to Mr: Fleetwood (as is entred in ye: Consult: books) It will be now your part to rectifye those omissions or Errors in Govt: which are therein observed.

30. By all yor: advices it does appear that [P]ryamong is a place of great Importance as well for ye: procuring of pepper as being become upon ye: loss of Indapoore ye: frontier against ye: Dutch incroachmts: & is therefore to be ye: better Secured. The Dutch will be encouraged by their Success att Indrapore &

will be ye: more Vigorously persued on their designs against [P]ryamong whereof ye: Country people are apprehensive and att present doubt whether you are able to Secure yor: selves & ym: against ye: Dutch & till they are Satisfyed in yt: point they will be afraid of joyning wth: yo: wee have therefore Sent yo: what Supply wee can att present & would have yo: make ye: best use yo: can of it while ye: Europe Ship continues wth: yo: ye: appearance of wch at [P]ryamong will be of use. Therefore as Soon as unladen lett her proceed thither wth: one well instructed for ye: Settlemt: of ye: place: The first thing to be Consider'd in yor: Councill is whether it be possible to unite ye: present Emperor of Manduta and ye: Young Prince & his adherents Raja Macoota &ca: in one Common Councill & interest wth: yo: against ye: Dutch but this is very difficult to be effected because ye: young Prince claims a right to ye: empire of Mandata from wch: ye: present Possessor has excluded him & will not easily quitt his claim nor will ye: Emperor easily quitt his Possession ye: only remedy therefore to accomodate ye: matter Seems to be yt: ye: present Emperour enjoyn it during his life & upon his Death ye: Young Prince to Succeed to which accomodation possibly both parties may agree. The Young Prince because he has not power enough to expell ye: Emperour & ye: Emperour may be also willing to Secure himself against ye: Dutch by ye: addition of ye: Young Prince's party & this proposall must be transacted first with ye: Young Prince & Raja Macoota & if Such a Union Can be effected it will be ye: Surest way to Secure them & yor: Selves against ye: Dutch but if you dont find this practicable consider wch: of ye: two party's yo: are to joyn with perhaps ye: young Prince & Raja Macoota may be ye: better trusted because of their present circumstance but ye: Emperour is doubtless more Strong & able to assist yo: against ye: Dutch & therefore 'tis more advisable to make a friendship with him if yo: can find as much reason to trust him as ye: other. This is written as matter of advice but ye: execution is left to yourselves who can best understand ye: circumstance of things being up on ye: place & it is left to yo: to make use of ye: Presidts: Lr̃e. to Raja of Syllabarr & Raja Macoota as yo: Shall find occasion wch: are written in English & wee desire they would write their answers in English likewise. By accident wee mett with one yt: could read ye: Arab language who interpreted Lr̃es recd: from Raja Macoota & Raja Mooda but he is a transeant man & therefore is none here resident that understands ye: language.

31. As Pryamong is ye: frontieer to ye: North So is Syllabarr to ye: South & is therefore to be regarded & Secured by a Pager & a few gunns Since Raja Pangra Jungulo is So desirous of it, If ye: Dutch gains Syllabarr they will annoy Bencoolen greatly, and destroy ye: Pepper round about as they did att Indrapore.

32. You also want one yt: understands Gunery & military discipline who can instruct ye: Soldiers & keep them to their duty. Wee have for those reasons sent Lieutenant Alexander Delgardner who wee think ye: best qualifyed for those Services & therefore is to be employed accordingly not only in ye: military Charge but in ye: directing of ye: repairing ye: fortification & other works, & employing ye: Coffry's in Some profitable Service. In Consideration whereof he is to receive Lieutenants Pay & his dyett at ye: Genll: table to take place as eldest Lieutenant ten Dollars a month for his Extraordinary Service but wee have one objection against Mr: Delgardner yt: he is in his naturall temper a little too hasty & passionate which must be pardoned while tis Inoffensive. We give yo: this hint as a direction for ye: Govrs: more prudent managemt: & wee have given him a Strict caution, & to prevent all inconveniences have declared to him & wee do order yt: he is wholly under yor: direction & Command, & if he carries it disrespectfully to his Superiours or be ye: occasion of difference among yo: yt: he is to return hither by ye: first opportunity.

33. The making of bricks & Chinam being of So great use to you wee have agreed with Paul Dainston to undertake ye: making of bricks and with Charles Crew ye: making Chinam the former is to Receive 50 Ds: for ye: first kill of 100,000: bricks d̃d: burnt & 25: Drs: for every kill of 100000: afterwards & ye: latter 10: Drs: for ye: first kill of 100: bushels of lime & 5 Drs: for every kill of

100: afterwards y^e: making of these have been long order'd & endeavour'd in vain wee think this y^e: best way to Accomplish it will be yor: part to furnish them with Coffrey's wood and what they want for doing the business.

34. Wee send y^o: M^r: Francis Betts & do hereby give him full power & Authority to examine State & adjust all acco^ts: relating to y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^as: affairs on y^e: west coast & do require you to give him all necessary Assistance therein & upon his first Coming all books & papers of Acco^ts: be dd him by list w^ch: are to remaine in his Custody while he Stay's & upon his returne he is to returne them y^o: by list. Wee also require all persons y^e: Govr: not excepted to render & dd Acco^ts: to him as he Shall See cause to demand y^e: Same, & to y^e: end y^t: y^e: Acco^ts: of York Fort & its appendances after So many yeares errors be at length truly Stated, wee require y^o; upon receipt hereof to cause a true Acco^t: to be taken of all real remains. M^r: Betts is ordered to bring up & ballance y^e: books of York Fort to y^e: time conformed to y^e: real remains, & if there Shall be any differences between y^e: books remains & reall remains lett y^m: be adjusted by order of Consul^t: So far as it can be done while M^r. Betts continues there & Such as cannot be adjusted may be carried to Acco^ts: differences between book & reall remains.

35. Wee have Sent Duplicate hereof by M^r: Francis Betts upon y^e: Madapollum.

36. By yor: Acco^t: of remains there is a large quantity of Palempores & other Small goods Sent to York Fort many Yeares agoe by their long lying doubtless they are damaged. If they will not vend for y^e: Price desired Sell them for what y^e: markett will afford rather than to lett them Spoil quite but if y^o: cant dispose of y^m: Send y^m: hither by y^e: first opportunity. Lett it be observed as a Constant rule to Send hither whatsoever is not propper for Sail or use.

38. Lett Indrapoores Acco^t: Curr^t: with York Fort be adjusted & a Copy thereof from y^e: beginning be remitted hither with Copy's of Invoice received & Sent.

37. Inclosed is Invoice & bill of Lading for what was laden on Ship Royall James & Mary amo^ts: to Pag^es: [. . . .] & Madapollum Amo^ts: to Pag^es: 3395 : 13 :, with list of soldiers whereof Some of y^e: Portugeze carry their wives & familys of whom y^o: must take Some care for their first Settling in habitations & assigne y^m: ground.

39. By y^e: Acco^ts: of York Fort it appears y^t: China Silk &c^a: have been frequently bought for presents at great rates wee have therefore Sent y^o: a Supply for those Occasions out of which y^o: may take what y^o: think most propper to present to Raja Macoota & y^e: Raja of Syllabarr in y^e: Pres^ts: name if y^o: find it Convenient to deliver these Lres.

40. Herewith wee Send y^e: list of moneys advanced to y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^as: Serv^ts: Amo^ts: to Pag^es: 140 & a Letter from M^r: Pitt and Fleetwood to M^r: Charles Fleetwood concerning a demand of M^r: Alfords concerns in his hands. Wee are

Yo^r: Affec^te: Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
WILL^M: FRASER.

MARCH Y^E: 12TH 1693/4.

TO ISSA COOLEY ARMENIAN ATT Y^E: KINGS COURT.

No: 22. I desired my good friend Cojee Gregoree to write y^o: a Lre to understand how y^e: English affairs Stood at Court, & by your answer to him I understand yor: great readiness to assist mee in y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^as: business & what great Services y^o: have formerly done in y^e: Surratt troubles. I am Sorry to

hear yt: you have been att any charges upon yt: Accot: & yt: ye: Presidt: of Surratt has not taken care to repay yo: I send yo: Inclosed my lett: to his Excy: Sr: John Gayer Genll: for all ye: English affairs In India who I hope is arrived att Surratt before now, wch: if yo: will Send to him I doubt not but he will cause full Satisfaction to be made yo: In ye: mean time I desire yor: friendly assistance to Emain Cooley as Occasion Shall require he has been employed 3 or 4 yeares in ye: getting of our Phirmaund by ye: favour of Zulphaker Caun & his father Assid Caun ye: grand Vizier, both wch: have promised us by Severall Lres to procure it, but by one unfortunate accident or other Assid Caun has been hitherto prevented our dependance is Still on him & I have great hopes yt: he will ℘forme it being in ye: Kings favour. I think it necessary to Continue our application to him by ye: Same meanes by wch: it was begun, & therefore by Emain Cooley I have now wrote him to put him in mind of his promise and Emain Cooley who is going to reside in ye: Court [as] Zulphaker Caun's Vacqueel will have a good opportunity to manage this business wch: if he can Accomplish I have promised him 4000: Rupees which will be sufficient to pay ye: Charges & to pay himself for his trouble, & I have given him a bill to pay it upon receipt of ye: Phirmaund So that yo: need not Scruple to assist him if he has Occasion for a little money to pay ye: fees. For after ye: King has given his order there is no danger but it will pass.

I understand what you have written to Cojee Gregoree about ye: Kings Husbulhookum for taking off ye: Stop on ye: European trade in Bengll: & Surratt Concerning wch: I have also discoursed with Emain Cooly & I doubt not but he will assist in getting it, & if yo: will please to pay ye: Accustomary fees of taking out ye: Orders for ye: benefitt of ye: English Compa: & Send it to me & I will thankfully repay yo: According to yor: order. If other nations do not appear for themselves there is no Reason yt: ye: English Compa: Should loose ye: benefitt of ye: Kings favour. I pray lett ye: order be Expressed So, yt: ye: English Compa: may be named Between whom & yor: nation there is friendly agreement & whatever kindness yo: do ye: Compa: is also Service to yor: own nation. In case of Emain Cooley's mortality yo: may proceed According to ye: Copy of ye: Articles herewith Sent you.

N:H:

FORT ST: GEORGE 12 MARCH 93/4.

TO ARSEMANAGUE.

Manacha Chittee one of ye: Rt: Honble: [Compa:] Merchts: being at Conjeveran buying Cloth, Yor: Servant Randas has in a more unjust & cruel manner Seized upon him & Chaubucted him and keeps him in Prison demanding 2000 Pages: and threatens to Stop all our business everywhere. You well know yt: ye: English Compa: not only in ye: times of ye: Kings of Curnata & Golcondah but Since by ye: Viziers & Nabobs Perwanna's have enjoyed a free trade & have lived Honble: & wee have never recd: Such disgrace as yor: Servants have now put upon us. I am well assured yt: tis not only without yor: order but contrary to yt: friendship which yo: have always express'd to Chinapatam & I doubt not but will continue and therefore I desire yo: will Send such an order to your Servants as will not only release ye: Merchts: but make reparation for ye: disgrace and damage I Suffer by his rash proceedings & prevent his giving mee any further trouble for ye: future. Being well Satisfied in yor: good inclination to justice & kindness to this place I need not add, but Remaine No: 23.

Yors:

NATH: HIGGINSON.

March y^{e} : 19th : 1693/4.

To Y^{e} : R^{t} : Worp^{ll} : Adri[ser] Visser &c^{a} :
Coun^{ll} : for Y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Netherland
East India Comp^{a} : att Pollicatt.

N^{o} : 24. Being informed y^{t} : John Breseske and Bartholomes Sorader who came lately out of England under Covenants to Serve y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : English East India Comp^{a} : as Soldiers & ran from their Service in this Garrison about 6 daies agoe are now in Pollicatt & in yor : Custody. Wee desire y^{o} : to deliver them to Francis Hall Serjeant y^{e} : bearer hereof whom wee have Sent with 6 Peons to receive & bring them to us, that they may returne to their dutys which request being very agreeable to y^{e} : Strict union between our nation & friendly Agreement to our Company. Wee doubt not but y^{o} : will readily Comply with & thereby oblige us to approve our selves upon all Occasion, to Serve.

Yo^{r} : Worp^{ll} : &c^{a} : very Affect^{e} :
Friends & ready Serv^{ts} :

Nath : Higginson.
John : Dolben.
W^{m} : Fraser.

Fort S^{t} : George March 19th : 93/4.

To Y^{e} : R^{t} : Worp^{ll} : Charles Eyres Esqr :
Agent &c^{a} : Coun^{ll} : in Bengall.

N^{o} : 25. Wee have Sent y^{e} : Royall James & Mary Capt : Robert Buck Comd^{r} : to York Fort with orders to continue there 2 month after her arrivall and then to be dispatch't to you wth : w^{tt} : pepper the Govr : & Coun^{ll} : Shall be able to procure & lade upon her by y^{t} : time y^{e} : Invoice & bill of lading for which y^{o} : will receive from them.

Wee send y^{o} : inclosed Invoice & Bills of Lading for [. . .] Candy of Redwood laden on D^{o} : Ship & Consigned to yor : Selves w^{ch} : is intended for her Charterparty proportion & y^{e} : overplus for y^{e} : Supply of any other Ship.

Wee have Sent y^{e} : Ships Charterparty in our Gen^{ll} : Lre to y^{e} : Govr : & Coun^{ll} : of Yorke Fort & have ordered them to remitt y^{e} : Same to y^{o} : wth : y^{e} : Ship & wee always do observe it as a Constant rule y^{t} : y^{e} : Charterparty's be Sent with y^{e} : Ships as they goe from place to place. Wee are

Yo^{r} : Affect^{e} : Friends

Nath : Higginson.
John : Dolben.
Willm : Fraser.

March y^{e} : 22^{d} : 1693/4.

The Govr : of Fort S^{t} : George
To Raja Macoota att Bancoolen.

N^{o} : 26. I have Rec^{d} : yor : Letter & am very Sensible of what y^{o} : write concerning M^{r} : Gibbons & Indrapore w^{ch} : I Shall find an Opportunity hereafter to Consider & call y^{e} : Dutch to Acco^{t} : who have So basely & treacherously murder'd our people by their Buggesses & others imployed by them. Our present business is to Save Pryamong & those parts y^{t} : lye between that & York Fort wherein I am informed by M^{r} : Wilson you have given good advices & I have now made him Generall & have order'd him to advise wth : y^{e} : in all things & to take particular care of yor : interest & Safety & to maintain contract friendship with y^{o} : & yor : Son ye young Prince concerning whom I have wrote to him I desire you to accept of a Small token of my love & respect to y^{o} : by y^{e} : hands of M^{r} : Wilson.

Nath : Higginson.

To Mr: Simon Holcombe
Cheif &ca: Counll: At Vizagm:

Wee have received yors: of 10th: & 12th: febry: this is not intended for an answer but only to Accompany Mr: Joseph Hynmers writer & to inclose Invoice of & Receipt for Powder paper &ca: Sent yo: ℘ this Ship Katharine. Wee are No: 27.

Yor: Affecte: Friends
Nath: Higginson.
John: Dolben.
Willm: Fraser.

Fort St: George
March ye: 22d: 1693/4.

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The Govr: of Fort St: George
To Raja of Syllabarr.

I have Recd: yor: Lettr: & understand ye: Contents Concerning wch: I have written to Mr: Wilson whom I have appointed Govr: of York Fort & have order'd him to keep Contract friendship with you & to encourage yor: Port by making a Paggor & Sending people there to buy Pepper; Mr: Wilson has given me an Accot: of yor: true friendship I desire yor: acceptance of a Small token of my respect wch: he will deliver you. No: 28.

Nath: Higginson.

Fort St: George March 24th: 1693/4.

To Capt: Robert Buck.
Comdr of Ye: Royall James & Mary.

Having laden on board your Ship as much as is design'd for York Fort & Bengall wee order you upon receipt hereof to repair on board & with ye: first opportunity of wind & weather to weigh anchor & Sett Saile and make ye: best of yor: way for ye: most Speedy attaining of ye: Port of Bencoolen where when yo: arrive yo: are to deliver our Pacquett herewith delivered you as directed to ye: Deputy Govr: &ca: Counll: unto whom yo: goe Consigned whose orders yo: are to follow for your unlading Lading & further proceedings. Wee send upon yor: Ship Severall Passengers ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Servants unto whom yo: are to allow ye: use of ye: great Cabbin & Civill usage. Also Lieutenant Delgardner wth: Soldiers. Wee have laden in Sufficient Provision for ym: for ye: Voyage & you are to take care that it be not embezled from them during yor: Stay at the West Coast yo: are to give ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Servts: ashore Such assistance as they Shall See cause to require from you According to ye: Provision made in ye: Charterparty for assisting wth: any number of men not exceeding: 40: by land or Sea, upon yor: arrivall hasten ye: unlading of their Stores &ca: yt: your Ship may be in a readiness to Saile or to Cruise about any parts of the West Coast where ye: Govr: & Counll: Shall find Occasion to Send yo:. No: 29.

Herewith wee deliver yo: the Letter directed to ye: Govr: & Counll: for affairs of ye: Rt: Honble: English East India Compa: at York Fort wch: yo: are to carry aShore wth: yo: & taking Lieutenant Delgardner & as many of ye: Soldiers as can conveniently go wth: yo: deliver ye: Same unto ye: present Govr: Fleetwood in ye: presence of Mr: Wilson & ye: Rest of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Servants a Shore wch: Letter ys to be opened & read in their hearing after wch: yo: are to deliver ye: forementiond Pacquett to Governr: Wilson & Counll: Wee wish yo: a good voyage & date these in Fort St: George this 24th: day of March 1693/4.

To CAP^{T}: ROBERT TURLINGTON
COMD^{R}: OF SHIP MADAPOLLUM.

N^{o}: 30. Upon receipt hereof you are Imediately to Repair on board Said Ship & with y^{e}: first opportunity of wind & weather to weigh anchor Sett Saile for y^{e}: more Speedy attaining y^{e}: Port of Pryamong on y^{e}: west coast of Sumatra where when y^{o}: arrive you are to follow y^{e}: orders of y^{e}: Govr: & Coun^{ll}: of York Fort & in y^{e}: absence of their orders y^{e}: order of M^{r}: Francis Betts Cheif &c^{a}: Coun^{ll}: of Pryamong for your unlading Lading & further proceedings. M^{r}: Betts & M^{r}: Francis Congreive take their passage upon yor: Ship with Soldiers who are all to go ashore at Pryamong in y^{e}: Passage y^{o}: are to allow M^{r}: Betts & M^{r}: Congreive y^{e}: use of y^{e}: great Cabbin for them & y^{e}: rest is laden Sufficient provision for y^{e}: Voyage. Wee require y^{o}: to give M^{r}: Betts respect & y^{e}: Proceedings wee wish y^{o}: a good Voyage & date this in Fort S^{t}: George this 24th: day of March 1693/4.

LIST OF Y^{E}: PACQUETT ꝑ ROYALL JAMES & MARY FOR YORK FORT.

1. Gen^{ll}: Lre directed to Samuell Wilson Esqr: Dep^{ty}: Govr: &c^{a}: Coun^{ll}: att York Fort dated 12: March.
2. Invoice of Royall James & Mary to York Fort.
3. Bill of lading D^{o}:
4. Invoice ꝑ Madapollum to Pryamong.
5. List of Soldiers ꝑ Royall James & Mary.
6. List of Soldiers ꝑ Madapollum.
7. List of Money advanc'd to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Servants.
8. Copy of two paragraph of a Letter from y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: to y^{e}: Cheif & Coun^{ll}: at Priaman.
9. Fort S^{t}: George rules & orders Military.
10. Copy of Capt. Buck's Sailing orders.
11. M^{r}: Pitt & Fleetwoods Lett^{r}: to M^{r}: Charles Fleetwood concerning M^{r}: Alford's Acco^{t}:
    Keys of 3 Cases of Brandy
12. Copy's of M^{r}: Fleetwood & Wilsons their paper concerning M^{r}: Alfords goods.
13. Madapollums bill of Lading.
14. Letter to Raja Macoota.
15. Letter to y^{e}: Raja of Sillabarr.
16. Ship Royall James & Mary her Charterparty.

LIST OF BOOKS & PAPERS FRANCIS BETT CARRYS WTH: HIM ON SHIP MADAPOLLUM TO BENCOOLEN BELONGING TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: COMP^{A}: VIZ^{T}:

N^{o}: 1. York Fort Gen^{ll}: books Letter F begun y^{e}: 16: Feb^{ry}: 1691/2 ending y^{e}: Last of Aprill 1693.
2. Copies of two Charges drawn against Govr: Fleetwood by M^{r}: Wilson & M^{r}: Butterfield y^{e}: one dat: 24th: July 1693, & y^{e}: other y^{e}: 26: Ditto.
3. Copy of Steven Mabbs Receipt wth: y^{e}: Invoice price of y^{e}: goods mentioned in Said Receipt.
4. M^{r}: Ryley's Acco^{t}: of y^{e}: prices of goods Sold by M^{r}: Fleetwood w^{ch}: were bo^{t}: out of Capt: Howell.
5. Duplicate of a generall Letter directed to y^{e}: Dep^{ty}: Govr: & Coun^{ll}: at York Fort dated 11th: March 1693/4.
6. Duplicate of a Gen^{ll}: Lett^{r}: directed to y^{e}: Worp^{ll}: Sam^{ll}: Wilson Esqr: Dep^{ty}: Govr: &c^{a}: Coun^{ll}: of York Fort da^{t}: 12th: March 1693/4.
7. Invoice of Ship Madapollum.

8. Bill of Lading of Ditto.
9. Capt : Turlington's Sailing orders, Copy.
10. Accot : Money advanc'd to ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Servants.
11. List of ye : Pacquett.

MARCH YE : 26TH : 1694.

To ISSA COOLEY.

I lately wrote yo : a letter by Emain Cooley & because he may be longer in his journey yn : a travaling Peon I send yo : a Copy thereof. Cojee Gregore has given mee to understand ye : Contents of your Letter to him whereby I perceive yt : you have taken out ye : Kings Husbulhookum & Sent it to Surratt & yt : upon Paymt : of 6000 rups : for ye : Court fees you can take out ye : Husbulhookum for Bengall & yt : yo : have given ye : [security] of a Shroffe for ye : money. I returne yo : my hearty thanks for ye : kindness you have done ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : therein & because there are many who have Occasion to Send money hither to buy goods &ca : Yet many gain Something by receiving ye : money there of those who have Occasion & draw bills upon us for ye : Same which Shall be punctually paid : besides it will also be more convenient for me because of ye : Sending money by land & when yo : have taken out ye : Kings Husbulhookum for Bengall if you have an Opportunity Sending it to Mr : Charles Eyres ye : English Agent att Chuttanutte near Hugly in Bengall & Send me a Copy or two of ye : Same Chaup'd by ye : Cojee that I may Send them by Severall Ships for fear one Should miscarry. But if yo : have not an opportunity of Speedy Sending to Bengall Send ye : Originall & Copy's to me yt : I may Send it from hence I pray if yo : can possible order matters so yt : ye : Husbulhookum may expresse ye : English Compa : & not ye : English nation because ye : Compa : have always So desired it & it is necessary for ye : keeping of our own people in good order & to prevent their quarrelling wth : or doing any injury to ye : Country Government. No : 31.

I have not yet been informed yt : ye : Presidt : of Surratt or Agent of Bengall have paid or Remitted any money for this Occasion. If they have I hope yo : will take care to prevent my paying it a Second time.

When ye : business of ye : Husbulhookum is over I desire yo : to deliver my letter to Assid Caun it being of Some Importance in relating to our Phirmaund.

If yo : cannott gett a bill of exchange Cojee Gregoree has Sent goods to a Considerable value make use of his money for this Occasion & I will repay him here.

I have paid these Peons for their Charges going & Coming.

What Service you Shall ever do ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : Shall not be forgotten. I desire yo : to Send forward my pacquett to Surratt to ye : Generall as Soon as you can meet with a good opportunity.

Yors :

N : H :

FORT ST : GEORGE MARCH 27TH : 1694.

To COSSIAM CAWN.

I recd : yor : Letter & according to your desire perswaded Nicholaos Manuch to goe but he sayes he is old & ill & Cannott travail. I have therefore Sent yo : Dr : Browne who is our ablest Chyrurgeon. God Almighty give him good Success & restore your Honour to good health which I Shall be very glad to hear. Then lett him returne to me as Soon as you can & Remaine No : 32.

NATH : HIGGINSON.

To His Excy: Sr: John Gayer Kt:
Genll: for Affairs of Ye: Rt: Honble: English East India Compa:
in India att Surratt.

May it Please Yor: Excy:

No: 33. Our last to yor: Excy: was dated 12th: & 20th: of Febry: Copy whereof comes inclosed wth: a List of that Pacquett Since wch: wee have no news of ye: Hawk & therefore Conclude She went directly for Bengall.

On ye: 26: Last month wee dispatch't ye: Princess Anne of Denmarke Capt: Bluit Comdr: for Bengall wth: her intire Europe Cargoe Amot: to 43196 LL. 15s: 10d: to which wee added 14 Chests of Silver of ye: Royall James & Mary Amot: to 10352 LL: 11s: 8d: with 268 Candy of Redwood, wee herewth: Send yor: Excy: ye: Copy of our Genll: Lre to Bengll: dat: 22: Febry: directed to ye: Agent & Counll: not then knowing who was Agent by yt: Ship wee send two factors & two writers Mr: Cormell & Mr: Hearne Mr: Redshaw & Mr: Fitsherbert: Wee order ye: Princess to call att Vizagapatam in her way & dd ye: goods & treasure Sent them to the amot: Pages: 9155: 35: fas: whereof in Europe broad Cloth ℘petuanas & Cloth rashes Pages: 3199: 18 fas: 4 cas: ye: rest in Rups: & Pages: & give ye: Cheif & Counll: orders to finish their Last Contract and begin another of 15000 Pages: deliverable in Augst: & Sept: next for ye: Carrying on of which wee must Send them farther Supply's as wee can raise money by Sale of goods & Silver.

On ye: 1st: Inst: wee dispatch't the Sampson a full Ship for England having laded aboard her here 418 bales of Coast Cloth 300 bags Saltpetre 172 Candy Redwood amounting to Pages: 36464: 21: 2: besides Bengall & China ℘missive goods to ye: amots: of 33713: 1: 2: & in diamonds Pages: 67302: 30 fa: 2 ca: So yt: She carry'd from this place 137680: 17: –: her Bengall lading was 252: bales of Cotton yearne 401: bales of ps: goods 38 Chest of Lack & 4089 bags of Saltpetre & 23: bags of long pepper amounting to rups: 183194: 12 an: whereof 78: bales of Nillas were taken aboard in Ballasore road after her dispatch for this place Amot: to Rups: 52798: So yt: they had laden aboard ye: Sampson att Chuttanutte but 130396: 12: in ye: 16 month She lay there for her lading, but wee hear yt: ye: Charles ye: 2d: was not only very full but richly laden her Cargoe amot: to 871473: 5: 3: as appears by ye: Copy of their Letter to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: dated 25: Janry: but wee dont hear ye: time of her departure from Ballasore road Copy of our Genll: Lre to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: ℘ Sampson with a List of ye: Pacquett comes herewth:

On ye: 24: Inst: wee dispatcht Ship Royall James & Mary Capt: Robert Buck Comdr: & Ship Madapollum Capt: Robert Turlington Master to ye: west coast with 5 Chest of Dollars 22 bales of Long cloth &ca: rice, butter oyl Arrack &ca: Provisions & Stores with 5 Europe & Topass Souldiers under Lieutenant Delgardner Amot: in ye: whole to Pages: [. . .] part of ye: treasure Stores & Souldiers were Sent upon ye: Madapollum directly to Priamong upon which Ship Mr: Francis Betts & his assistant Mr: Francis Congrieve took their passage to overhaul ye: Accots: of that place & from thence to proceed to York Fort to examine and State their Accots: to ye: time of their arrivall by ye: reall Remains then to be taken as yor: Excy: will ℘ceive by our Genll: Lres directed to ye: Depty: Govr: & Counll: of York Fort dated ye: 11th: Inst: & to Samuell Wilson Esqr: Deptr: Govr: &ca: Counll: dated ye: 12th: copy's of which & our orders to Capt: Buck & list of those Pacquetts comes herewth: whereunto wee have little to add relating to those affairs. The necessity of adjusting ye: Accots: of the West coast Setlement & repairing of ye: Fortifications & buildings ye: profitable employment of So great a number of Coffreys in draining of ye: Moorish ground planting & gardening making bricks & lime &ca: wch: have been

So often order'd in vain will wee hope excuse us for ye: Extraordinary charge of Gratuity's yor: Excy: will find allowed to those that Shall ꝑforme them which wee thought the most effectuall method. Mr: Fleetwood had So grossly neglected these things & So apparently wronged ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: in their Cash to a considerable Amot: yt: wee thought our Selves under a necessity of removing him without Staying for yor: Excys: direction therein. The five Chests of Dollars is all wee can Spare them from our present Stock it will be requisite to Send them more in October next when wee have promised them to Send another Vessell with fresh Supply's of provisions & Stores, & are of opinion that it is requisite to Send a vessell thither every year twice, in March & October either from ys: place or Bengall & that they should never be without a Ship or Vessell to Cruise upon Occasion. Wee have Recd: no advices from nor of Mr: Watts &ca: who went upon ye: Pearle for Tonqueen in May last except one letter dated from Atcheen in their passage out by which wee understand that they mett with Mr: Blackmore there with his Junk & yt: they were proceeding together to Tonqueen, Nor have wee recd: any Letter from Returra Nor heard any thing of Mr: Braborne &ca: who went thither on a Brigantine & Ketch in October last but Conclude their Letters have miscarry'd & much doubt their being intercepted by ye: Dutch. Till ye: Returne of ye: Brigantine & Ketch wee cannot State ye: Accot: of all ye: Charges expended by us for ye: Settlemt: The hire of ye. Ketch & ye: mens wages &ca: remains to be adjusted.

Wee Send yor: Excy: Copy of the last letter wee received from Bengall dat: 3: Febry: by which wee understand that Mr: Eyres was come down from Decca & in ꝑsuance of ye: late Comissary's order was instituted in ye: Agency in ye: room of Mr: Ellis there being none of ye: Counll: but Mr: Beard wee have added Mr: Braddyll & Mr: Cormell to the Counll: Their Genll: Letter of ye: 9th: December taking notice yt: ye: Kings Husbullhookum (for taking off ye: Stop of trade) was passed but Stop'd in ye: hands of ye: Court Officers for want of fees Cojee Gregoree an Armenian Inhabitant here was desired to write to Issa Cooley an Armenian in ye: Kings Court concerning it, Issa Cooley returned an Answer ye: Copy whereof Comes Inclosed & ye: said Last Bengall Genll: Lr̃e further pressing us to Send a Vacqueell to Court upon that affair & apprehending ye: Bengall business does much depend upon ye: obtaining ye: said Husbulhookum wee resolved to make use of Issa Cooley's proferred Assistance & to take that method for ye: paymt: of 6000 Rups: for ye: charges which yor: Excy: will find in ye: Inclosed Copy of our Consultation & Letter to Issa Cooly dated 26: Inst: wherein wee give ye: reasons of our proceedings & have taken all ye: care wee can to prevent a double paymt:

It is now above three years Since Presdt: Yale & Counll: began a treaty with Zulphaker Cawn & his father Assid Cawn by meanes of their Servant Emai[m] Cooley for ye: obtaining of the Kings Phirmaund for ye: Confirmation of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Settlemt: & trade for the Coast of Chingee Corromandell & Gingerle which doubtless was necessary upon ye: Mogulls Conquest of ye: kingdome of Golcondah & ye: prospect of his Conquering Chingee &ca: ye: application was made formerly to Caun Bux ye: Kings Youngest Son who was in these parts but Zulphaker Caun was ye: undertaker depending upon ye: Authority of his father Assid Caun ye: Grand Vizier & they both promised fair & wrote to ye: King in behalf of ye: Phirmaund. In ye: mean time they both give ye: necessary Parwannas by vertue of wch: our trading business has hitherto gone on without any Considerable obstructions except Such as have hapned by ye: Casualty's of warr & in 1692 the Grand Vizier his parwanna for 3 towns bordering upon our limitts, but upon ye: differences between Assid Caun & Caun Bux, Assid Cawn being Commanded frō: these parts & having continued ever Since under ye: Kings displeasure (till very lately) neither he nor his Son have been in any capacity to procure our Phirmaund & wee have been ever Since very doubtfull & wavering not knowing how to make one Step in that affair, but upon ye: first report of Assid Caun restoration to ye: Kings favour wee Send him a Letter to put him in mind of our Phirmaund & represent to him ye: State of ye: case relating to pyratts.

(Copy of which comes inclosed) after which Emain Cooley came hither being Sent by Zulphaker Caun to reside at ye: Court as his Vacqueell and having been by him & other credible intelligence informed that Assid Caun was really in favour & Office wee have again ingaged Emain Cooley to prosecute yt: business when he comes to Court as yor: Excy: will ℘ceive by ye: inclosed Copy of our Consultation of 1st: Inst: ye: Letter to Assid Caun dated 23d: Febry: obligation to Emain Cooley for 4000 Rups: to be paid him upon Receipt of ye: Phirmaund for Court charges &ca: ye: Articles of ye: Phirmaund a paper of Memorandums also a Letter to Issa Cooley to be Assistant to Emain Cooley dated ye: 12th: Inst: this business of ye: Phirmaund cost att first a large Sum above 12000 Pagodos besides wch: there was a Contract made for 12000 Rups: to be paid to Zulphaker Caun & 4000 Rups: to Emain Cooley upon Receipt of ye: Phirmaund & 500 Rups: a year to Emain Cooley during his life an obligation was given to Zulphaker Caun by Mr: Trenchfield &ca: when he was at ye: Camp for ye: 12000 Rups: but there had been no writing given to Emain Cooley. The late Comissary did judge it not fitt to loose ye: money yt: had been Spent but to go on with ye: bargain & when Emain Cooley was here in Febry: 1692/3 did then give him an assurance of ye: money promised him & Caused ye: Presidt: to do ye: like wee do therefore go on in prosecuting this business esteeming ye: money already expended to be lost if wee don't & ye: money to be paid is a Cheap bargain if ye: Phirmaund be obtain'd. There has not been much Spent upon this Occasion Since ye: first large expence ye: greatest Sum was our Returne of presents made by Assid Caun & Zulphaker Caun upon Change of Governmt: here.

Upon ye: March of Zulphaker Caun's Army from Chingee towards Tandore their near approach to ye: bounds of Fort St: David gave them cause to Stand upon their guard & wee Sent them ye: Armenian Mercht: with 25 Soldiers for countenance & assistance that which gave us ye: greatest cause to apprehend any trouble from them was ye: rash & madd action of Dr: Blackwalls ingaging himself in their Service & giving bonds for 161000 Pages:. for ye: Governmt: of Porto novo, but ye: Govr: & Counll: of Fort St: David by our orders Sent Mr: Haynes & Mountague to Compliment Zul: Caun wth: a present which cost 6 or 700 Pages: to him & his Officers they were recd: very civily & procured ye: Nabobs Parwanna to free them from trouble by his Army which is now past farther from them at ye: Same time wee were here disturbed in ye: possession of our new towns by ye: Officers of Arsemanague who having recd: ye: Nabobs grant for a very large Jagger in these parts which by Constitution included our new towns order'd his Servants to take possession thereof by force in order to which they brought a party of horse & foot into one of ye: new towns but wee sent 40 or 50 Soldiers thither to keep Possession & wrote to ye: Nabob he gave us a doubtfull Answer, ye: crop being ready for gathering & should be lost if ye: matter were not Speedily decided wee wrote again to him & Severall of his Officers & Sent them presents that it might be peaceably Concluded which with ye: former charges will amot: to So much that wee Shall gaine nothing this year but possession & after yt: has been Secured a few years ye: profitt may be Considerable yearly.

Presidt: Yale pretending to go home by ye: Sampson & made very positive demands for an order, which was granted him he pretended he could not dispatch his business unless ye: Ship could Stay a week longer and So Continues here Still.

When ye: late Comissary Genll: was here ye: Fort house appearing very defective was order'd to be pull'd downe & a large house in ye: town hired at 19 Pages: ℘ month for 2 yeares. It being very difficult to prompt [sic] Chinam bricks & Timber to carry on ye: new building time has been taken for procuring a Store, & having now Sufficient to begin wee intend very Suddainly to lay ye: foundation & carry it up to ye: first Storey before ye: rain Sett in & after it has [. . .] a due Setling thro' the rains to finish ye: rest, & if wee meet wth: no Interruption in procuring of Chinam wee hope to finish it by Aprill 1695.

Wee send yor: Excy: ye: Copy of a Comission which came in ye: Bengall Pacquett ℘ Royall James & Mary for Constituting a Judge Advocate in Bengll: wch: appointed Mr: Ellis Judge & Mr: Hill his Successour who are both displac'd

from Serving y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: in Bengall by y^{e}: late Comissary & therefore cannot be Executed y^{e}: further Succession depending on Agent Charnock deceased his appointment & wee Suppose the Comission void by Agent Charnock's death wee have therefore not Sent it to Bengall.

The late Com̃issary Gen^{ll}: began a Lr̃e to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: but left it unfinished the Copy thereof comes inclosed also y^{e}: Copy of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Gen^{ll}: Lre to Beng^{ll}: dated 28th: Apr^{ll}: giving them directions relating to Muttradas & y^{e}: Interlopers Capt: Buck used his passengers So ill in y^{e}: Voyage that they gave in a paper of Complaints against him which comes inclosed with y^{e}: Copy of y^{e}: result of our Consultation thereupon after w^{ch}: Capt: Buck promised to give a Chest of Wine among y^{e}: Passengers but when he got aboard Ship faild of his promise in that & also in Sending us a Shore one of his Ships Comp^{a}: for whom wee gave him order & tho' wee had Spared him 3 or 4 men from y^{e}: Shore, which is a farther aggravation of his miscarriages in the Voyage towards yor: Exc^{y}: whereof M^{r}: Morris has given us an Acco^{t}: Wee are

Yo^{r}: Exc$^{y's}$: Very humble Servants

Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
Willm: Fraser.

List of y^{e}: Pacquett to the Gen^{ll}: Att Surratt Dated y^{e}: 27th: March 1694.

1. Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to his Exc^{y}: S^{r}: John Gayer Gen^{ll}: dated 27th: March 1694.
2. Copy of D^{o}: dated 12th: & 20th: Feb^{ry}: 1693/4.
3. List of y^{e}: Pacquett.
4. Copy of Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to Beng^{ll}: dat: 22nd: Feb^{ry}: ℘ Princess Anne of Denmark.
5. Copy of Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: dated y^{e}: 28 Feb^{ry}: 1693/4 ℘ Ship Sampson.
6. List of y^{e}: Pacquett.
7. Copy of Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to y^{e}: Dep^{ty}: Govr: & Coun^{ll}: of Yorke Fort da^{t}: 11th: March 1693/4 ℘ Ship Royall James & Mary.
8. Copy of Ditto to Sam^{ll}: Wilson Esqr: Dept^{y}: Govr: & Coun^{ll}: of York Fort da^{t}: 12th: March ℘ Said Ship.
9. Copy of Fort S^{t}: George orders to Capt: Robert Buck Comd^{r}: of Ship Royall James & Mary to York Fort.
10. List of Pacquetts to York Fort ℘ Royall James & Mary & Ship Madapollum.
11. Copy of Beng^{ll}: Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to Fort S^{t}: George dated 3^{d}: Feb^{ry}: 1693/4.
12. Copy of a Translate of a Lr̃e from Issa Cooley to Cojee Gregoree rec^{d}: 20th: March 1693/4.
13. Copy of Fort S^{t}: George Consultation dated 26th: March 1694 relating to y^{e}: Kings Husbulhookum for Bengall.
14. Copy of a Lr̃e to Issa Cooley da^{t}: 12th: March 1693/4.
15. Copy of a Lr̃e to Issa Cooley da^{t}: 26th: March 1694.
16. Copy of a Lr̃e to Assid Caun dated 28th: Feb^{ry}: 1693/4.
17. Copy of Fort S^{t}: George Consultation relating to Emain Cooley da^{t}: 1st: March 1693/4.
18. Copy of a writing given to Emaim Cooley da^{t}: 12th: March 1693/4 for 4000 ^{Rups}: to be paid him on receipt of a Phirmaund.
19. Copy of a Letter to his Exc^{y}: S^{r}: John Gayer da^{t}: 12th: March 1694.
20. Copy of Articles of y^{e}: Phirmaund
21. Copy of a Paper of Memorandums dated [. . .] Emaim Cooley.
22. Presid^{t}: of Fort S^{t}: George his Lr̃e to y^{e}: grand Vizier Assid Caun da^{t}: 23rd: Janr^{y}: 1693/4.

23. Copy of what added to y^{e} : Beng^{ll} : Gen^{ll} : Lre to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : ℘ Ship Charles dat : Jan^{ry} : 25th : 1693/4.
24. Copy of Fort S^{t} : David Gen^{ll} : to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : dat : 25 Feb^{ry} 1693/4.
25. Copy of Beng^{ll} : Gen^{ll} : to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : ℘ Sampson dated : 13th : Jan^{ry} : 1693/4.
26. Copy of a Beng^{ll} : Gen^{ll} : Lr̃e to Fort S^{t} : George of Ditto.
27. Copy of a Com̃ission for Constituting a Judge Advocate & Attorney Generall in Bengall.
28. Fort S^{t} : George Gen^{ll} : to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : dat : 20 : 7^{r} ; 1693 via Trincombar.
29. Copy of y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Gen^{ll} : Lr̃e to Beng^{ll} : dated 28th Aprill 1693.
30. Copy of y^{e} : Com̃issary's Gen^{ll} : Lre to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : from Bengall.
31. Duplicate of Fort S^{t} : George Gen^{ll} : Lr̃e to y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Dep^{ty} : Govr : & Committe[e] dated 20th : Feb^{ry} : 1693/4.
32. Copy of a Paragraph of a Consultation dat : 22^{d} : March 1693/4.
33. Copy of y^{e} : Passengers on Ship Royall James & Mary their Complaint against Capt. Buck deli^{d} : y^{e} : 19th : March 1693/4.
34. List of y^{e} : Pacquett.

To His Exc^{y} : S^{r} : John Gayer Kn^{t} :
Generall for affairs of y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble :
English East India Comp^{a} : in India att Surratt:

May it please Yo^{r} : Exc^{y} :

N^{o} : 34. Wee hope but are not yet assured y^{t} : y^{e} : Armenian Merch^{t} : will proceed on her voyage to China.

There came Severall Letters under private Seal directed to y^{e} : late Com̃issary Gen^{ll} : & Agent Charnock, whereof Such as wee Apprehended came from any of y^{e} : Committe[e] wee have not ℘mitted to be opened, But two prov'd to be Subscribed by S^{r} : Josia Child, & yor : Self, Wee have read no more than y^{e} : names & caused y^{e} : Sec^{ty} : to Seal y^{e} : Same up in our presence w^{ch} : wee reserve to Send to yor : Exc^{y} : So Soon as wee hear of your Arrivall but wee inclose herein a Letter rec^{d} : y^{e} : 17th : Ins^{t} : from y^{e} : Presid^{t} : of Surratt dated 10th : Jan^{ry} : directed to y^{e} : late Comissary. Wee are

Yo^{r} : Exc$^{y's}$: very humble Servants
Nath : Higginson.
John : Dolben.
W^{m} : Fraser.

Fort S^{t} : George
March y^{e} : 30th : 1694.

March y^{e} : 31st : 1694.

To y^{e} : Worp^{ll} : W^{m} : Hatsell Esqr :
Dep^{ty} : Govr : &c^{a} : Coun^{ll} : of Fort S^{t} : David.

N^{o} : 35. Our last was y^{e} : 3^{d} : Ins^{t} : wee have rec^{d} : yours of 16 : w^{ch} : remains to be Answered y^{e} : Moores Army being removed from you let y^{e} : Armenian Merch^{t} : which can do y^{o} : no farther Service by lying in your road return to us laden with as many bales firewood & Chinam as y^{o} : can gett ready in : 10 : days time & what goods Shall offer on freight, Return us also Ensigne Hancock & y^{e} : 25 Soldiers, who wee cannot Spare from this garrison having Sent as many to y^{e} : west coast as these Ships brought us out y^{s} : year.

Wee hope yor: last Contract is near finished you may contract wth: them for 20000 Pags: deliverable in September next, they must take one half in Europe goods & Silver. Wee are

Yor: Affecte: Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

P.S.—Wee Send yo: ye: account papers of Severall entrys taken out of our Generall books wch: are to be brought unto yours ending Aprill 1693. Idem.

MARCH YE: 31ST: 1694.

TO MR: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHIEF &CA: COUNLL: ATT VIZAGM:

Wee have recd: yors: of ye: 10th: Inst: wth: ye: Copies of yor: Genll: Lr̃es No: 36;
dated ye: 10th: & 12th: Febry: your warehousekeeper's Accots: of ye: Condition of Europe goods wee Sent yo: by ye: Princess. This is not intended for an Answer to yor: Said Lre but only to Correct ye: Omission in our Genll: Lr̃e dat: 26: Febry: wherein wee ordered ye: making of a new investm̃t: for long cloth Salempores & Strip'd Betteelas as before but ye: word Sail cloth was left out for wch: you may Contract as before & instead of 15000Pags: Contract for 22000Pags: deliverable in September if your Merchts: will Comply. Wee are

Yor: Affecte: Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

FORT ST: GEORGE APRLL: YE: 22D: 1694.

TO YE: RT: WORPLL: CHARLES EYRES ESQR:
AGENT &CA: COUNLL: FOR AFFAIRS OF YE: RT:
HONBLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA: IN BENGALL.

Our last was dated 22d: Febry: by ye: Princess Anne of Denmark copy where- No. 37.
of goes herewth:

Wee Recd: yors: dated 3d: Febry: wherein yo: have desired us to Send a Vaquell to Court concerning ye: Kings Husbulhookum for taking off ye: Stop on trade in Bengall before which wee had desired Cojee Gregoree an Armenian Inhabitant here to write a Letter to Issa Cooley an Armenian residt: in ye: Kings Camp concerning yt: affair who return'd an answer whereof wee inclose yo: a Translate with a Copy of our Letter to him by which yo: will understand ye: Probability of ye: sd: Husbulhookum being Suddainly Sent either to Bengall or this place, tho' it will cost a much Larger Sum of money than was expected ye: Dutch & French having led the way. Wee have used ye: best caution wee can to prevent a double paymt: whereof & hope you have not paid any thing upon this account when Issa Cooley first wrote to [?us] it was doubtfull whether Assid Caun ye: Grand Vizier were in favour or no, but wee have it Since Confirmed that he is restored to favour & office wee have thereupon Renewed our application to him for our Phirmaund for this Coast & have engaged Emaim Cooley our Agent therein to be Assistant to Issa Cooley in ye: business of yor: Husbulhookum as occasion requires. Yesterday Ship Hawk Capt: James Collier Comdr: arrived in this road and brought a Pacquett from ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: directed to ye: Agent & Counll: of Bengall which wee Send yo: Inclosed together with ye: Europe Invoice & bill of Lading for 859 Piggs of lead ps: 1520 [c]:—: 8 LL: Amot: to 1089LL: 8s: 7d: Consigned to Fort St: George but is hereby Continued upon the Ship to ye:

Agency, for which yo: are to give us creditt, So much as yo: can Sell or have occasion for yo: may detain, ye: rest yo: may Send to us by Such Europe Ship as yo: Shall first dispatch hither, ye: reason of our Continuing it upon ye: Ship is, because wee have enough at present to Supply our present markett & are unwilling to detain ye: Ship.

On ye: 24th: past wee dispatch't Ship Royall James & Mary for Yorke Fort Bencoolen with orders to Stay there 2 months & to proceed to Bengll: wth: pepper Shall be then ready which is to be divided between ye: Royall James & Mary Princess Ann of Denmark & Hawk proportionably wee have also laden on ye: Royall James & Mary 60 Tuns of redwood which goes Consigned to yor: Selves as ꝑ bill of Lading & Invoice now Sent & is intended for her Charterparty proportion ye: overplus for ye: Hawk or other occasion Unless yo: Shall find yor: Selves able to dispatch a Ship in September or December for Europe & Shall want ye: whole to fill her up. Wee have Sent ye: Charterparty upon ye: Ship to Yorke Fort & have ordered it to be remitted to yo:

You write to us to Send you 787 md: of Redwood to pay Mr. Ellis for So much Supplyd by him for ye: Charles wee have Sent by the Princess Anne 60: Tunn & by ye: Royall James & Mary 60: tonn above their Charterparty porportion out of wch: yo: may repay ye: sd: 787: md: & if yo: Shall want for ye: Hawk You may Supply her out of ye: Princess Ann Charterparty proportion & wee Shall make up ye: defect when She Comes hither unless yo: Shall be before Supply'd from hence there was [. . .] Candy of Redwood Sent to yo: from hence upon ye: Ship Orange pray examine how that was disposed of.

Since ye: Husbalhookum is in so fair a way to be obtain'd wee are of opinion you may give out money to able & creditable merchants for provision of goods which doubtless will be the Speediest way for obtaining them if yo: can prevent ye: Interlopers buying them out of yor: Merchts: hands at better prices against which it will be Convenient to make a particular provision in your Contracts, it is very probable ye: Duan may favour ye: Interlopers for ye: Kings advantage by ye: increase of trade & it will be very difficult for yo: to perswade him to hinder it but if ye: Husbalhookum Shall be worded in yt: manner wch: wee have wrote to Issa Cooley Vizt: ye: English Company instead of the English Nation yo: may thereby take Occasion to lett ye: under Govrs: know yt: ye: Interlopers are not included in ye: Privelige of ye: Husbalhookum & money will make them beleive itt.

Whilst wee are in friendship with ye: Moores wee are not to deny Passes for their Ships when desired as for Presents to ye: Nabob Duan & Under Govrs: it must be left to your discretion to Act therein as occasion Shall require.

Capt: Freakes Security has made good ye: lead wanting wee Shall Send yo: men for ye: Service of yor: Sloops as opportunity presents.

Wee take notice Mr: Eyres is invested in ye: Agency in Ꝑsuance of ye: late Com̃issary Genlls: orders & have great hopes that by his long experience in ye: Customes & trade in ye: Country he will be able to do ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: great Service as well in timely dispatching their business, as defeating ye: Interlopers but wee dont find any mention made in yr: Letter of Muttradass who ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: have thought ye: fittest instrument for both those purposes.

Wee are very glad you have Secured 4000: mds: of Saltpetre in ye: house but if yo: can procure 10: or 20: times as much buy it, 1000 Tunn will not be too much for these 4 Ships, if yo: can Send 1000: ton more to Fort St: George it will be a good Service. Wee know not how Soon other Ships may come & what occasion wee may have for Saltpetre for their dispatch & therefore yo: cannott make too large a provision; Wee are afraid ye: private trade in Saltpetre will obstruct yo: but that must yeild to ye: Publick interest of ye: Nation as well as ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: present Occasion & it will be yor: parts that are concern'd in private trade & have ye: management of ye: Rt: Honble: Company's business both by your example & authority to Prevent yt: publick mischief which ye: Agent is particularly obliged & [. . .] to Effect. The Rt: Honble: Compa: having

ordered all private trade to be Consign'd to himself as well to prevent [. . .] to ye: publick trade, as yt: ye: private may be farmely [formally] manag'd. You are not Stratd: in ye: price of Saltpetre & tho' you ought to buy it as Cheap as yo: can yet dont lose it for want of an Ana or two upon a Maund.

Wee understand ye: late Comissary Genll: order'd Severall p[e]rsons to repair to ye: Fort it will be expected yt: his orders be observed.

On ye: first of Last past wee dispatch'd Ship Sampson full Laden for England who arrived ye: 18: Febry: It was a great Surprize to See ye: Ship come hither at yt: time wanting 700 bales to fill her up after lying 15: mos: idle in Bengll: kept there only to accompan[y] Charles ye: 2d: a gross oversight in not making due calculation beforehand Lett yt: [. . .] be a caution to you with respect to ye: Ships. Wee are

Yor: very Affecte: Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO BENGALL.

1. Fort St: George Genll: Lr̃e dated ye: 2d: Aprill 1694.
2. Copy of Ditto dated 22d: Febry: 1693/4.
3. Copy of ye: Presidt: Lr̃e to Issa Cooley dat: 27: March: 94
4. Translate of Issa Cooley's Lr̃e to Cojee Gregoree.
5. Rt: Honble: Compas: Pacqt: to Bengall ℘ Ship Hawke.
6. Europe Invoice of Lead to Fort St: George ℘ Hawke continued to Bengall.
7. Bills of Lading for Ditto.
8. Invoice of Redwood to Bengll: ℘ Royall James & Mary.
9. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
10. List of ye: Pacquett.

FORT ST: GEORGE 5TH: APRLL: 1694.

TO YE: WORPLL: WILLM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: &CA: COUNLL: ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

Our last was 31st: March. On ye: 1st: Inst: Ship Hawk Capt: Caulier No: 38.
Comdr: Arrived here from England came out in Compa: with ye: Armenian Mercht: &ca: but Staying 40: days att ye: Cape for Repair of ye: Ships masts & 40: days at Point de Gaul for refreshing of Sick men occasioned his later arrivall. On ye: 3d: She proceeded for Bengll: Said Ship brings us no Europe news from Point de Gaul.

There being an Action depending in ye: Court of Admiralty between ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: & ye: Late Presidt: Yale, wherein he objects against Mr: William Fraser Sitting as an Assistant wee have to obviate yt: objection agreed that Mr: Hatsell doe upon this Occasion repair hither & wee do Accordingly Order him So Soon as you Shall have made a new Contract with your Merchts: for an Investment of 15,000: or 20,000 Pages: to be delivered in August or September next to come hither by ye: first Sea Conveyance & if you Shall not have concluded your Contract within ye: time before limited for ye: Armenian Mercht: dispatch, you may detain Said Ship for his Coming.

Contract with yor: Merchts: for 30: or 40: Candy of Indigo by a better muster than any heretofore provided of ye: ordinary Sort if procurable & as much of ye: fine Indigo as can be gott it being a great commodity in England & if ye: Quantity cannott be made So Soon as Sept: Contract for more deliverable in December.

Since ye: decease of Padre Don John de Clerina there is Arrived a new bishop at St: Thomas from Goa, who wrote ye: Presidt: a Lettr: Signifying that he had appointed Padre Paulo De Soe Vicar of Cuddulore wch: wee cannott admitt for 2

reasons first because wee must not owne his Episcopall authority in ye: English Goverm^t: & ye: 2^d: because there is Some objections against Padre Paulo de Soa. An answer to ye: bishops Letter has been deferred expecting an opportunity of meeting with a farer ℘son & there being lately arrived a Padre from Mauca Gulielmos de Nalla [Valle ?] of ye: order of the Theatm^s: [Theatines ?] Wee are considering of making choice of him in ye: mean time lett Padre Paulo de Soa know that it is our order that he cease from his priestly function within your bounds & if he refuse to Comply therewith or prove troublesome cause him to depart yor: bounds, After wee have heard from you wee Shall determine concerning Padre Gulielmus de Nalla [Valle ?] in ye: mean time Shall Send an answer to ye: Bishop's Letter disow[n]ing his Authority in Cuddulore.

It will be a disparagem^t: to us if wee Cannott provide as much Long cloth & Salempores for ye: R^t: Honble: Comp^{as}: Acco^t: a Strange Spaniard has for private Accounts it will be understood y^t: within 4 months after his Arrivall he carry's from hence & your port near 2,000 bales of Cloth f[or] Manhila, tho' it will not be understood that a Considerable part thereof is goods of Bengall imported by Armenians & ye: greatest part provided before ye: Arrivall of Said Spanish Ship at a time when wee wanted money to carry on Investm^{ts}: It behoves us therefore to provide as much as wee can. Lett us know ye: utmost of w^{tt}: your Merch^{ts}: will contract for & wee will Supply you with money as fast as wee can procure it by Sale of goods & Silver. The latter wee hope Suddainly to Invest into money but ye: goods will lye longer on our hands. You must take off as much as y^o: can & if wee have a prospect of disposing all ye: Lead aboard ye: Armenian Merc^t: within a Competent time tho' about 12: Pa: ℘ Candy take it all ashore Wee having enough for our present markett.

Wee Send y^o: ye: Warehouse keepers receipt of our Sortm^t: of ye: Cloth lately rec^d: from your factory wherein much [. . .] with many bales Sorted by [. . .] & with ye: washing. Wee are

Yo^r: Affect^e: Friends

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^M: FRASER.

APRILL YE: 7TH: 1694.

R^t: Rev^d: S^r:.

N^o: 39. I rec^d: yor: Letter dated 11th: Febr^y: wherein y^o: advise mee that y^o: determine to Send Padre Paulo de Soa in ye: room of Padre Don John whom ye: Govr: your Predecessour had placed Vicar of Cuddulore. I acknowledge yor: civility in giving mee notice of yor: determination before y^o: execute it but admire at yor: usurpation of an authority which did not belong to yor: Predecessour nor to yor: Self nor Successours, Viz^t: to appoint Vicars in any place under ye: English Governm^t: In this case I ought to deal plainly with you that no other Episcopall Authority can be admitted within ye: Limitts of their Jurisdiction that y^o: are not Govr: nor Bishop of Cuddulore no more than of Madrass but as y^o: are Revd: Bishop or Govr: of Miliapore I congratulate your Acception without Authority and desire & embrace yor: Friendly & neighbourly Correspondence in ℘suance of which I acquaint yor: Reverence that I have determined to permitt Padre Gulielmus de Valle of ye: orders of Theatreas [Theatines ?] to reside att Cuddulore there in ye: room of Padre Don John de Cleri[ci] dec͠e^d:

FORT S^T: GEORGE 7: APR^{LL}: 1694.

TO MALECK MUPHPTE CAWN SEERLASCAR.

N^o: 40. I Rec^d: yor: kind Letter & am glad to hear of your good health & good fortune heartily wishing ye: Continuance & encrease of both & give y^o: my hearty thanks for yor: favour to our business.

The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: had [in] Vizagapatam Severall yeares factory's as Maslipatam Madapollum & Pettipolee but Such was y^{e}: ill usage of y^{e}: under Governours that wee were forced to withdraw our people till a better opportunity hapned, now yor: Exc^{y}: invites us to Settle at Pettipolee & if your Exc^{y}: were to live yor: Self in those parts I could depend upon your Authority, Justice & favour but when y^{o}: are gone how can I trust y^{e}: under Governours who take all occasions Still to oppress us & hinder us upon all business as y^{o}: will know y^{e}: Governour of Narsapore Stopd my Ship notwithstanding you know & att last forced my People to pay 100 Rup^{s}: tho' the Ship came in only by Stress of weather w^{ch}: I desire your Exc^{y}: to bring into yor: Serious consideration. I have a few timbers lying in Metchlepatam & Madapollum Factory's which wee bought for y^{e}: use of this place & I have present occasion for them I desire yor: Excy : will give order y^{t}: my people may Receive them & Send them to mee they having been Stop'd a long time I have Sent a Small token which I desire you to Accept not for value but for friendship's Sake.

N: HIGGINSON.

To MEERZA MAHOMUD MAHADE
BURE AND WANCANEVEZ.

I Rec^{d}: yor: kind Letter & am glad to hear of your good health. My Malder No: 41.
brought mee y^{e}: Nabobs order by your assistance but Arsemanagues people do not obey it Saying they are Arsemanagues Serv^{ts}: & must have his order & Ramdas keeps his horsemen in y^{e}: townes I therefore desire y^{o}: to procure Arsemanagues order to his Servts: that I may have a quiet possession I Shall then make good my promise to you & depend on your friendship.

N: HIGGINSON.

Fort S^{t}: George
Aprill y^{e}: 11th: 1694.

To Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: WILLIAM HATSELL ESQ^{R}:
GOV^{R}: &^{CA}: COUN^{LL}: ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Our last was y^{e}: 5th: Ins^{t}: ordering M^{r}: Hatsell to repair hither. When he No: 42.
comes lett him deliver y^{e}: Cash & Charge of y^{e}: Fort to M^{r}: John Haynes Second till his returne.

Lett him bring wth: him y^{e}: Gen^{ll}: books ending Aprill 1693 if finished & a particular Acco^{t}: how far each of y^{e}: Councill have brought up their Respective Acco^{ts}: with Copy's of your Consultation[s] Acco^{t}: Cash & Steward's Accounts.

Wee hear a report tho' y^{o}: have made no mention thereof in a Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e that M^{r}: Constable has neglected to bring up his monthly Land Custome Acco^{ts}: for many months & is considerable Arrear to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: upon y^{t}: Acco^{t}: Lett y^{t}: matter be examin'd in Consultation & if y^{o}: find he has been guilty of y^{e}: S^{d}: Omission Lett him come hither with M^{r}: Hatsell on y^{e}: Armenian Merch^{t}: with yor: report concerning him & his Acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: wth: Copy's of his land Customs Acco^{ts}:

Lett M^{r}: Trevor Games repair hither on y^{e}: Armenian Merch^{t}: & if y^{o}: want another Factor in his room he Shall be Sent by y^{e}: first opportunity tho' wee think y^{o}: have a good Supply forgett not to returne us our Soldiers for wee want them.

Wee Sent M^{r}: Thomas Fosseet lately overland to you to be Chyrurgeon of yor: Fort in y^{e}: room of Doctor Blackwall.

Wee appoint M^{r}: Charles Barwell last of Coun^{ll}: in Fort S^{t}: David & in case y^{o}: see cause to Send M^{r}: Constable hither to Supply his place of Land Customer from y^{e}: time of yor: Resolution & during M^{r}: Constable's absence.

Wee are Yo^{r}: Affect^{e}: Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.

Fort S^{t}: George
Apr^{ll}: y^{e}: 11th: 1694.

To Mr: Phillip Noden
Att Matchlepatam. April ye: 12th: 1694.

No: 43. Wee have writt to ye: Seerlascar to give orders for ye: delivering of Timbers att Metchlepatam & Madapollum & wee doubt not but he will do it. Wee therefore order you to demand them of him to which demand if he Shall comply Send them to us by ye: first conveyance having ℔ sent occasion for them.

Wee have frequently orderd yo: to remove with yor: family hither but yo: have hitherto excused it with one frivolous pretence or other. Wee once more repeat our possitive orders yt: yo: repair hither with yor: family by ye: first opportunity & if yo: Shall not comply therewth: you may thank yor: Self for all the inconvenience yt: will follow thereupon.

Your Letter to ye: Presidt: brought us ye: Masters receipt for ye: two parcells of Muster Sent ℔ Ship Tankerd but ye: Ship is not yet arriv'd.

Wee are Yor: Affecte: Friends

Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
Willm: Fraser.

P.S.—If yo: can Sell ye: brimstone or any thing else yt: lies either in Madapollum & Metchlepatam factory's at or near ye: ℔ sent market price dispose of ym: & when yo: Speak wth: ye: Seerlascar about ye: timber yo: may aske his order for delivering of Such things as yo: can sell & Send us the money. Idem.

April ye: 19th: 1694.

To Mr. Simon Holcombe Cheif &ca:
Counll: Att Vizagapatam Fort St: George.

No: 44. Wee are to acknowledge ye: Receipt of yours dat: ye: 24th: past by Peons (who return herewith) wch: was accompanyed with a Lre: from Ballasore but wee are also to give further answer to yours of 10: & 12: Febry: & 10: of March.

Since ye: matter of ye: Chest Seems to yo: to be So lately forgott it is best to lett it lye still but yt: it may be forthcoming when Occasion requires lett it be entred in yor: Generall under ye: hand of Accot: unknown & wth: Some mark by wch: it may be known but without a value & So carried into the factory Remains.

The usuall rates of freight for bales from Vizagapatam is but 1 Page: ℔ bale and from Fort St: David ¾ Pagodo: if yo: cant procure a Conveyance at yt: rate wee leave it to yo: to agree ye: freight as well as yo: can doubting yt: wee Shall not have an opportunity to Send a Ship to yo: to take them in.

The Cheifs good ℘formance at Vizagapatam will doubtless be well accepted by ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: if it be as he represents it but would be minded more acceptable if he would ye: next opportunity (which will probably happen in October next) to undertake ye: Settlement of their affaires at ye: West coast concerning which wee desire his positive answer.

In yours of ye: 11th: January last by the Samuell yo: write yt: yo: will Send ye: wheat &ca: to us by ye: first opportunity but now write yt: yo: Cannot Send it & desire orders what to do with it being Spoilt & not hardly vendible. If it be So bad yt: it will not Sell it will not pay freight therefore Sell it for what it will yeild & give us an Accot: of ye: Sale.

As to your proposall of a Settlement att Ganjam wee can only Say yt: ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: have very possitively forbidden any new Settlement & tho' ye: Charge yo: propound is not great & ye: [. . .] may appear [. . .] Considerable yet wee Cannott Consent to ye: Settlement nor Can wee at ℔ sent resolve a method for prevention of those which will arise from ye: private trade

irregularly manag'd but Shall by ye: first opportunity represent ye: matter to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: & to ye: Genll: att Surratt.

Wee doubt not but Mr: Holcombe meant wth: [*sic*] in renting ye: town without Security of ye: Inhabitants; but whether they are able to Comply or no, yet it is doubtless [best] that ye: Inhabitants be thereby engaged to advance ye: trade & revenues of that place & tho' yo: dont gett much by their being Security yo: can loose nothing by it.

The Pages: 223: Short Charged in ye: Fort St: George Invoice of Cotton Sent you was for Charges Merchandize omitted.

Wee formerly advised you of our Omission in not naming Sail cloth with Longcloth &ca: when wee ordered a new Contract to be made which wee hope yo: have Accordingly Contracted with your Merchants for : 20000 : Pages: deliverable in September & to enable you to proceed therein Wee have now [sent] Pages: 3000 : by ye: Briggantine Diligence Willm: Rogers Master for wch: bill of Lading & Invoice is Inclos'd. wee Shall as Soon as wee can Send you more Pagodos & Rupees.

As for ye: damaged cloth by ye: Princess yo: have it as it came & as your factory enjoys ye: Creditt of ye: Profitt by Sale yo: must also take ye: Loss or damage into ye: Same Account. That which wee reserve here for Sale is upon examination of our Warehousekeeper damag'd also, ye: greatest part whereof is adjusted to be Ship Damage and will be Charged to ye: Accot: of ye: Owners, but for ye: rest of ye: damage it must come into our Accot: of Profitt & Loss but as yo: represent ye: damage of yt: Sent yo: there appears no Ship damage ye: inward & outward Surplice being reported to be well Conditioned pray make a farther enquiry & report thereof.

Wee Send yo: ye: yards for ye: Perpetuanas &ca: omitted ℘ Princess in our Invoice but wee have no fine Scarlett to Spare.

Lett ye: Charges of ye: Peons to & from Bengall be carryd to yor: Accot: Charges Extraordinary for it would be an endless & needless trouble to Charge Such disbursements to ye: Accot: of ye: respective places to wch: Peons are Sent.

We have no Credible Accot: of ye: alterations yo: write will be made in ye: Govt: of ye: Coast of Gingerlee &ca : there has been frequent reports of Halleasher Cawn Allemerde Cawn & others being appointed or design'd for those Governmts: but want a further Confirmation & therefore can give no particular directions. The management of affairs at So great distance depending on your prudence wherein yo: have ye: advantage of a pretence for delaying presents, that being under our direction yo: want our orders notwithstanding if ye: necessity or dispatch of business dos require a Speedy gaining ye: New Govrs: Friendship you must comply therewith. Tho' there is a Convenience in putting it off as long as can be to break ye: Custom of presenting every Seerlascar his first entrance by which meanes in case of a Suddain removall a present may be Saved & by degrees be[come] Accustomary yt: ye: Present to ye : Seer lascar is to be made but once in So many yeares. Before wee received yor: advice of ye: Seer lascar's removall Wee recd: a Letter from him & his Bramini from Metchlepatam inviting us to Settle at Pettipolee & wee Sent him a Compliment of thanks for his kindness to Vizagapatam factory but excused our Settling att Pettipolee upon ye: Accot: of ye: ill usage formerly & lately recd : from those Petty Govrs : ye: better to Sweeten & perswade him to lett us have our Timbers from Metchlepatam & Madapollum (so long detain'd there) wee sent him & his Braminy Some rarity's of about 20: Pages: each tho' what wee have Sent ye : Braminy is upon another Account.

As occasion or opportunity of writing presents lett us know how yor: business goes on how many bales ready, how many expected &ca : Wee are

Yor: Affecte: Friends

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

Fort S^{t} : George Apr^{ll} : y^{e} : 20th : 1694.

To Y^{e} : R^{t} . Worp^{ll}: Charles Eyres
Agent &c^{a} : Coun^{ll} : for Affairs of y^{e} : R^{t}:
Honble : Comp^{a} : in Bengall att Chuttanutte.

No: 45. On y^{e} : 16th : Inst : wee rec^{d} : yours of 26 : Feb^{ry} : by Loyall Captain with y^{e} : Ships receipt for two Chests Cats gutts & Match & : Copy of our Generall Lre dated 16th : Feb^{ry}: But y^{e} : originall with y^{e} : Papers therein mention'd are yet detained by y^{e} : Ship long Since arrived at Trincombar. This comes by a moores Ship belonging to Ballasore, whereof Scipper Michaell is Pilott & brings y^{e} : Copy of our last to you dated [. . .] Since w^{ch} : wee have rec^{d} : no farther advice from y^{e} : Kings Court relating to y^{e} : Bengall Husbalhookum which y^{o} : expect to receive by means of y^{e} : Duans Address ; If things do Succeed according to your expectation y^{e} : Husbalhookum will have been Sent away from y^{e} : Coast before our Orders could arrive to Issa Cooley & then wee Shall Save y^{e} : 5000 : Rups : but wee fear it will not be delivered without y^{e} : money y^{e} : French having paid 4000 Rup^{s} : & y^{e} : Dutch 5000 : Rup^{s} : & rec^{d} : theirs after w^{ch} : yours was detain'd till money came to pay y^{e} : Court fees. Wee expect to hear Suddainly from Issa Cooley then Shall Send y^{o} : what advices wee Shall receive & more ℘ticular answer to your Letter when receive y^{t} : by y^{e} : Welcome. In y^{e} : mean time wee are Sorry to understand the Interloper meets with so fair treatment from y^{e} : Govr : of Hugely w^{ch} : tho' it may cost them money yet may Accomplish their business unless y^{o} : can by Muttradass or other means prevent.

Wee make no doubt but y^{t} : it is convenient upon rec^{t} : of y^{e} : Husbulhookum to Send one up to Pattana to buy Saltpetre y^{t} : being y^{e} : most effectuall way to procure it, However omitt not any opportunity of buying att Hugely &c^{a} : for fear of a disappointment. Wee are

Yo^{r} : Affect^{e} : Friends
Nath : Higginson.
John Dolben.
Willm : Fraser.

To Meerza Mahomud
Shafea Duan of Y^{e} : Curnata Country.

No: 46. I Rec^{d} : yor : Friendly Letter & have observed y^{e} : contents thereof I exceedingly rejoyce to hear that y^{o}: are made Duan of y^{e} : Curnata Country & that y^{o} : are in good health. I wish y^{o} : may ever remain in this your Station & hope y^{o} : will come to these parts. According to my desire w^{ch} : will be a great Satisfaction to mee the 3 : Towns Egmore Persewack & Tandore w^{ch} : y^{e} : Grand Vizier granted us are Still in our possession lately Arsuma Naigues people has molested us & hinder our receiving y^{e} : revenues tho' wee have y^{e} : Nabob Zulphaker Cawn's Perwanna not to molest us notwithstanding Said order they Still continue disobedient to it, now I desire y^{o} : to Sett down y^{e} : names of these towns in yor : book & Send an order to Arsuma Naigues people not to molest us I consider'd y^{t} : to Send an empty Letter looks not handsome therefore have sent y^{o} : a Small token w^{ch} : I desire yor : acceptance & as Soon as our ships arrive I will See to send y^{o} : Something more worthy of yor : Acceptance.

Triblicane has for a long time been under us Arsuma Naigues people also disputes wth : us for that I hope y^{o}: will write to them about this too.

2 : Manillah Silver trunks
4 : Goa Stones.

Fort S^{t} : George Apr^{ll} : y^{e} : 25th : 94.

To Mr. John Haynes &c^{a} : Coun^{ll} :
att Fort S^{t} : David.

No: 47. Wee have rec^{d} : yor : Gen^{ll} : Lre dated 18th : Ins^{t} : by the Armenian Merch^{t} : which requires a further Answer than wee can give y^{o} : att present. This Accom-

pany's Padre Gulielmus de Valle, who brings with him our licence for his being Padre of Cuddulore in y^{e}: room of Padre Clerin[ici] dec^{ed} y^{e}: Copy whereof comes inclos'd Lett y^{e}: keys of y^{e}: Church be d̃d to him.

The Bishop of S^{t}: Thomas having aserted his Authority for continuing Padre Paulo de Soa his Vicar att Cuddulore Wee think it necessary in y^{t}: respect y^{t}: Padre Paulo be not permitted to live within your bounds & while he stays there will be frequent Occasion of difference & faction between him & Padre Gulielmus wee therefore order y^{t}: he do in Some Short time after yor: notice depart from Cuddulore. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Loving Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
WILL^{M}: HATSELL.

P.S.—26th: Apr^{ll}: Not meeting with an opportunity for remitting money enough to y^{o}: for yor: present charges, Wee have Sent by 2: Peons who attends y^{e}: Padre Pag^{es}: 1000: having d̃d 500 Pag^{es}: to each.

N: H:
J: D:
W: F:
W: H:

TO MEERZA MAHOMUD
MAHADA BUXE & WACCANEVEZ.

Because I never wrote y^{o}: about my affairs is y^{e}: reason of our not having No: 48.
any friendship nor you neither have ever Commanded mee to do you any Service; my business with y^{o}: is as follows—Lately y^{e}: Grand Vizier granted us 3 towns which will yield us yearly about 300 Pag^{es}: Since their being under our possession wee have not had not So much as one grain from it & as for last yeares revenues Mauruf Cawn Maccas people received it; & this year wee have been troubled with Arsuma Naigues people; Now I send you inclosed a Copy of my Lr̃e to Zulph-[aker] Cawn by w^{ch}: y^{o}: will understand my business more att large now I desire & hope y^{o}: will get mee Such an order from y^{e}: Nabob as may keep up my Creditt & Reputation & y^{t}: Arsuma Naigues people may not any more molest us. In y^{e}: last trouble Some times wee Imployed our Ships and boats to fetch grain to furnish y^{e}: Kings Camp by w^{ch}: wee expected to gett great Honour but instead of that wee are highly disgraced you must See to do our business & Strive to keep up our Creditt & if y^{o}: gett us a new & firm order then I will give y^{o}: rup^{s}: 1000 for your trouble & upon receipt of Such an one I will pay y^{e}: money to yor: order & if y^{o}: want any Toys or fine things y^{o}: may write to mee & I will provide them & Send y^{m}: to you, you must not Reckon us as you do other people for y^{o}: may trust my promise to y^{o}:

NATH: HIGGINSON.

TO WOTTAMA CHUND.

I enjoy good health & hope to hear y^{e}: Same from y^{o}: lately I wrote y^{o}: y^{t}: No: 49.
as Soon as our Ships arriv'd I would Send y^{o}: a fitting present now I send you by this bearer a present which I desire your Acceptance; of those towns which y^{e}: Grand Vizier lately granted us Since which Arsuma Naigues people are desirous to have them from us these towns were given us for our good Service to the Kings Subjects you know it very well y^{e}: Grand Vizier granted us these towns under his Seal through Zulphaker Cawns meanes & now to have Arsuma Naigues people come to take y^{m}: away 'tis not reasonable. wee have lived here as Merch^{ts}: of a long time with Honour & credit besides this you know what manner of Service wee have done & how wee have lived by the grant of these towns wee have rec^{d}: abundance of honour among y^{e}: natives of our own nation also & now to have them taken

away it will be a great disgrace to us wee being friends together tis Strange to me yt: Arsuma Naigues people Should Come to take them away; pray See to gett his Excy's: Perwanna & Send a Check to them for their thus proceeding which will be a great Satisfaction to mee if you do us this Service, your friendship will never be forgott you being an understanding man I need not write larger.

P.S.—Now I Send yo: Some Oranges desiring your Acceptance of a part of them & ye: rest you are to deliver to the Nabob.

LIST OF WHAT I SENT TO WOTTAMA CHUND.

3. Strings of Persia Pearle each String containing : 16 Pearle.
1. pair of pearle Large.
2. English Swords.
6. pair of Scizars.
2. Pen knives.
2. Case of Spectacles.

To AGA MAHOMUD ARIFF.

No : 50. I enjoy good health & hope to hear ye: Same from yo: when yo: was here & came to See mee yo: told mee wtt: Service you could do mee yo: would & desired me to write to yo: when I had any Occasion & then you would See to do it, therefore I write yo: this: a while agoe ye: Nabob perswaded ye: Grand Vizier to grant to our Rt: Honble: Compa: these towns which did belong to Pullamulle Countrey & for ye: last yeares revenues Mauruff Cawns Servants recd: it & ys: year Arsuma Naigues people are for having it by Nurutt Dahur writing & are for quarrelling wth: us I have now wrote to ye: Nabob Coppy whereof I now herewith Send you for your perusall please to Send me a firm order and Perwanna from ye: Nabob yt: may hinder Arsuma Naigues people proceedings its publickly known to strangers & natives of their grant to us I hope yo: will procure me Such an order yt: ye: towns may Still remaine under us which I Shall esteem as a great piece of friendship.

FORT ST: GEORGE MAY 5TH: 94.

To MR: JOHN HAYNES
&CA: COUNLL: ATT FORT ST. DAVID.

No : 51. Our last was 25th : past & then Sent yo: 1000 Pages: overland which wee are glad to understand by yours of [. . .] that yo: have recd: This incloses bill of Lading & Invoice for Saltpetre Jagery & red Beteelas Sent you by Ship Cuddulore Mercht: Amots: to Pages: 345. 1.

On ye: 29th: past wee recd: a Genll: Lre from his Excy: Sr: John Gayer Generall of India dat; 4th: Aprill advising ye: Arrivall of ye: Defence & Resolution on ye: Coast of India in Febry: but ye: Genll: continued there till 5th: past where he departed from Callicut on ye: Defence for Surratt. Wee hear ye: Moores Govr: at Surratt have Seized upon ye: Interloper Ship & Stock. Wee are

Yor: affecte: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER
WILLM: HATSELL.

To YE: RT: WORPLL: CHARLES EYRES ESQR:
AGENT &CA: COUNLL: IN BENGALL.

No; 52. Our last was 20th: past Since which Ship Welcome hath arrived here from Trincombarr where She landed a Considerable quantity of Saltpetre & then brought us your Genll: Lre of 18 : Febry: with your Consultation book &ca: This incloses Copy of our Last & part of a Lre recd: from His Excy: Sr: John Gayer Genll: advising his late arrivall on ye: Coast of India. He departed from Callicutt

on the Defence for Surratt ye: 5th: past, It is reported by ye: Master of ye: Vessell who brought us the Lr̃e yt: ye: Moores Govrs: att Surratt have Secur'd ye: Interloper Ship & Stock but whether as Pirates or as Interlopers is not yet known. Wee expect to hear every day from Surratt & Shall communicate to yo: our advices. Meantime Remaine.

Fort St: George,
May ye: 5th: 1694.

Yor: affecte: ffriends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.
WILLM: HATSELL.

MAY YE: 10TH: 1694.

To MR: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &CA: COUNLL: AT VIZAGM:

Wee have recd: yors: of 10th: & 25th: past with the paper Accompanying ye: fruit No: 1: to 7th: As to ye: redwood which you have unladen from the Tankard, The Number of Sticks hold out right but falls Short of ye: weight: 3: Cand: 15: md: 22ll: as ℘ bill of Lading Signed by ye: Master tho' he told you he had no Accot: of ye: weight nor number. It was ye: Owners misfortune that ye: Ship could reach neither Bengall nor Madrass but wee cannott pay ye: Charges which do Arise therefrom & have agreed with Mr: Dolben that ye: Secure [?] be Sent to Bengall in another Vessell & deliver'd to ye: Agent & Counll: at Chuttanutte & upon advice of its delivery there wee Shall make good to him ye: Agreed freight of half a Pagodo ℘ Candy & wee do empower yo: to lade ye: Redwood upon Such good Vessell as ye: Owners of ye: Tancard Shall appoint to receive & carry it to Bengall but if ye: Vessell be not bigg enough to carry all yo: may then Send the remainder hither at ye: charge of ye: owners of ye: Tancard. No: 53.

Send us by first good Sea Conveyance ye: two bales marked AB delivered yo: by ye: Master of ye: Tancard wch: contains Madapollums Muster

Wee are glad to understand yt: your Merchts: doe undertake to bring in 20,000 Pagodos in Septr: but ye: rates of ye: Europe goods delivered them are much lower than our Fort St: George prices and will Spoil our prices here therefore had wee money enough wee should rather choose to deliver your Merchants all money then ye: goods at Such low rates. Possibly you may in time bring yor: Merchts: to better prices especially in [barter ?] for Beteelas deliverable in Decemr: coming which gives us further advices before you Contract.

By this Ship wee Send yo: 3000: Pag̃odos being as much as is Convenient to Send by Such a Conveyance & as much as your Merchts: will want at present. Wee Shall take all possible care to Supply you farther So as not to obstruct ye: progress of your business wee also Send you 3 Chests of Shirash wine & 2 Chests of Rose water. The bill of Lading & ye: Invoice is Inclosed.

His Excy: Sr: John Gayer ye: Generall is arrived on ye: Coast of India in ye: Defence in ffebry: Last & on ye: 5th: past parted from Callicut for Surratt. Wee are

Yor: affecte: ffriends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.
WILLM: HATSELL.

P.S.—Wee Send yo: inclosed an Accot: of ye: measure of ye: Perpetuanas Sent yo: by Princess Ann of Denmark wch: was omitted in ye: Invoice in wch: there was also an errour Com̃itted by undertaking [*sic*] 1 bale of perpetuanas Y pagodos 122: 8: for which you must give us Creditt as ℘ the said Inclosed Accot:

N: H.
J: D.
W: F.
W: H.

FORT ST: GEORGE APRIL 30TH: 1694.

TO YE: HONBLE: LAWRENCE PITT OF YE:
COUNLL: EXTRAORDRY: OF INDIA & GOVERNOUR
OF NEGAPATM: FOR YE: RT: HONBLE:
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY.

No: 54. By a Small English Vessell wch: Came from Gombrown 15th: March I recd: ye: Europe news whereof Send yo: a Copy which desire your Honour to take in good part tho' it is not So perfect & So particular as I wish, God preserve King Willm: on whose life ye: Common good of Christendom Seems So much to depend, & Send us ye: good news of Success against ye: Common enemy to his keeping I Commend yor: Honr: & remaine

Yor Honrs: most affecte: friend
& very humble Servant
NATH: HIGGINSON.

FORT ST: GEORGE MAY YE: 17TH: 1694.

TO MR: JOHN HAYNES &CA:
COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

No: 55. Our last was 15th: Inst: inclosing Invoice for what Sent yo: by Cuddulore Mercht: Wee have recd: yours of ye: 7th: As to ye: penalty of 25 ₰ Cent upon ye: Merchts: failure in time wee do not think it reasonable to Insist thereon because you first failed in delivering them money in due time but as to ye: Amot: of fine goods exceeding ye: proportion of their Contract they are to bring in So much the more Course Cloth as will make up ye: proportion of ye: fine So Soon as ye: Country is Settled & they can proceed in ye: Investment in ye: mean time wee Shall furnish you by ye: first opportunity with money enough to pay them 1000 pagodos upon Accot: Wee have Considered Padre Paulos paper but have also recd: another from Padre Gulielmus Complaining yt: Padre Paulo gives them much trouble by publishing of feigned orders from ye: Bishop of St: Thoma, Wee Send yo: Coppy thereof enquire into ye: truth of itt & if yo: find Padre Paulo is troublesome after the manner yt: Padre Gulielmus Complains or otherwise order him forthwth: to depart ye: place but if not you may permitt him to Stay a mo: for finishing his business but as to his Constant residing as a private person it is referred to another resolution according as ye: Bishop of St: Thoma Shall proceed in Asserting his authority of placing Viccars in ye: Church of Cuddulore.

Wee have recd: yors: of 12th: Inst: when you advise of bills drawn you usually mention only ye: Sum but yo: Should also mention ye: date of ye: bill & ye: person to whom payable & of whom received.

Wee well approve of yor: muster of Indigoe of 14: Page: ₰ Candy especially if you can gett it something Cheaper, & as good as ye: Muster is. Contract for & procure as many Candy thereof as yo: can one or two hundred Candy will not be too much but in failure of yt: Sort make up ye: Quantity with ye: Courser Sorts but ye: finer ye: better. Wee are

Yor: Loving friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.
WILLM: HATSELL.

TO MR: JOHN HAYNES
SECOND &CA: COUNLL: ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

No: 56. Wee Send Inclosed Invoice & bill of Lading for Six Chest of wine Laden upon Brigantine Thomas & Sarah John Cockroffe Master for freight of which yo: must pay three pagodos.

Herewith Comes two Persia Letters from y^{e}: new Duan to Nabob Zulphaker Cawn & y^{e}: Buxe which forward by Peons; order y^{e}: Peons not to Stay long for an Answer. Wee are

Yo[r]: Loving Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL[M]: FRASER.
WILL[M]: HATSELL.

Fort S[t]: George,
May y^{e}: 21st: 1694.

To M[R]: JOHN HAYNES
SECOND &C[A]: COUN[LL]: ATT FORT S[T]: DAVID.

This Serves to Inclose a bill drawn by Senr: Alvaro Da Fonseca ou Senr: Jοño Fereira de Lyma for Pa: 1081: payable at 4 days Sight to y^{e}: Presid[t]: or Order which y^{e}: Presid[t]: has indorsed to yor: Selves. Demand & receive y^{e}: money into y^{e}: R[t]: Honble: Comp[as]: Cash & advise us thereof that upon your advice wee may pay y^{e}: drawer here. Wee are N°: 57.

Yo[r]: Loving Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL[M]: FRASER.
WILL[M]: HATSELL.

Fort S[t]: George,
May y^{e}: 28th: 1694.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE, JUNE Y[E]: 19TH: 1694.

To HIS EXC[Y]: S[R]: JOHN GAYER K[T]: GEN[LL]:
FOR AFFAIRS OF Y[E]: R[T]: HON[BLE]: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP[A]:
IN INDIA ATT SURRATT:

May it Please Yo[r]: Exc[y]:

Our last was dated 27th: March Copy whereof Comes inclosed with y^{e}: List of y^{e}: Pacquett Since w[ch]: wee have not heard from Issa Cooley nor Emaim Cooley nor from Tonqueen. N°: 58.

On y^{e}: 11th: May Ship Unity arrived from Surratt & Rettorah & brought us a Gen[ll]: Lr̃e from M[r]: Braborne dated [. . .] y^{e}: Chief Import of which is y^{t}: y^{e}: Accomplishment of y^{t}: Settlement is very doubtfull & on y^{e}: 13th: Ketch Mochdum who brought us a Gen[ll]: Lr̃e da[t]: y^{e}: 22[d]: Aprill 1694 & 60: & ½ Candy of Pepper in persuance of y^{e}: Late Comissary's orders & advises y^{t}: y^{e}: R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: Brigantine was sent to Bombay but not Returned Our dependance has been on y^{t}: vessell to Send to y^{e}: West Coast either directly from hence or by way of Bengall in October with further remitt of Stores & if neither y^{t}: nor y^{e}: Pearle Comes, wee have none for y^{t}: Service unless wee hire a Country Vessell concerning which wee pray yo[r]: Excellency's directions.

On y^{e}: 1st: Aprill y^{e}: Hawke Cap[t]: James Cauler arrived in this road after having spent 40 days at y^{e}: Cape for repair of his Ship & 40 days in Point de Gall for refreshment of his men. He brought us no Gen[ll]: Lr̃e from y^{e}: R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: but a Duplicate of 10: Aprill 1693 (which hath already been remitted to yo[r]: Exc[y]:) nor any Stock for Fort S[t]: George except 849: piggs of Lead of which having a Sufficient quantity for our present markett wee continued on y^{e}: Ship for Bengall under orders for Selling it there if their Markett would take it off or to returne it to us by y^{e}: first Europe Ship Inclosed is y^{e}: Copy of our Generall Lr̃e to Bengall ꝑ D°: ship dated 2; Aprill.

The late Presidt: Yale objecting against Mr: Fraser Sitting as an Assistant in ye: Court of Admiralty in ye: Actions depending between him & ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: pretending prejudice &ca: to obviate yt: objection wee Sent for Mr: Hatsell from Fort St: David (ye: only other Surviving Assistance) who is now here upon yt: occasion.

The Dutch att Pullicherry contrary to all their former Maxims & practices in India doe encourage private trade having appointed their Customers 2½ ℔ Cent & granted to the neighbouring natives, especially weavers great privileges. It is very probable their designe is to draw ye: trade from Fort St: George & Fort St: David.

On ye: 1st: Inst: Ship Armenian Mercht: Capt: Thomas Newnam Commander Sailed from [*sic*] Amoy. Wee Send yor: Excellcy: ye: copy of their contract for her freightment & our orders to the Commander Ship Morning Star Sailed att ye: Same time bound for ye: Same port. The Princess was lett for 15000 pags: but they yt: freighted her Sent above 100000 Pags: Stock upon her whereof a Considerable part was invested in Silk at 15 ℔ Ct: freight & ye: freighters of the Armenian Mercht: less than 30000 pags: & the freight of gold & Silk now 3 ℔ Cent less then it was then So yt: ye: freighters could not be induced to give more than 4100 Pages:

Zulphaker Cawns Army in their march from Chingee to Tanjore passing through ye: Country adjacent to Fort St: David made So great a [deviation] & Scatter'd ye: Weewor &ca. Inhabitants yt: their Merchts: will not undertake to make an investment till ye: Country be resetled however wee hope to invest the litle Stock wee have att Vizagapatam[?] but our dependance is more on Vizagapatam where all things are quiet at present. Here wee have a controversy wth: Arsuma Naigue about ye: new towns granted to us by ye: Grand Vizier but Since given to Arsuma Naigue as a part of his Jagger which is large above 200000 Pa: ℔ annum & takes in ye: greatest part of yt: Country where our Merchts: buy their Cloth upon wch: Consideration wee Suffer ye: grain to lye two months in heaps & have not brought it in by force, expecting Arsuma Naigues Consent wch: has been often promised but not yet performed.

3 Wee send yor: Excellcy: ye: Copy of our Consultation of 18: May relating to Mr: Gullocke who is lately gone from hence wth: Mr: Charles Sherer on a voyage to Succadana with a copy of our Instructions to him & a Lre to ye: King, also a copy of the king's grant which Mr: Gullock brought with him ye: last voyage. Wee do not understand yt: Succadana yeilds any pepper now, tho' tis Said it would yeild it as plentifully as Benjar if ye: Natives were incouraged to plant.

Also copies of two paragraphs of Vizagapatam Genll: Lres to us dated [. . .] the one relating to Vizagapatam town the other is their proposall of Sending a Factor & writer to Ganjam with ye: Copy of our answer thereunto dat: 4th: Inst: which wee humbly referr to yor: Excys: consideration.

Fourty or fifty of our Topas Soldiers have ran from this Garrison in two months dropping away by two or three in a night without Arm or red Cloath they have been wrote to by our french Padre to returne but in vain & tho' ye: greatest part of them lye in St: Thoma destitute of Employ or Assistance yet refuse to returne unless we will promise them that they shall not be sent from Fort St: George to Serve ye: Compa: in any other garrison particularly excepting again[s]t ye: West Coast, this Seems to be ye: reall Cause tho' they do also pretend another Vizt: ℔ Lieutenant Seaton's Severity & yet there are more run from Lieutenant Sinclere's Compa: than from his whose command they declare themselves very well Satisfyed, & therefore is but a pretence. We have hitherto thought fitt but to Slight them & not to take too much notice of their desertion yt: they may not think wee want them & supply their room with rash-boots &ca: Peons who take their turns to watch with our Soldiers in ye: inner as well as ye: outward ports. If these Topasses do not returne wee Shall not be in a capacity of Sending any further Supply to ye: West Coast this year unless wee receive a Recruit from England, & if they do returne under ye: demanded Condition ye:

case will be y^e: Same So y^t: wee are resolved not to Condescend to their request but wee are Considering of Some method, but because their objections particularly against y^e: west coast Shall grant them that they who goe thither Shall have liberty to returne after two years into this garrison which will remove the Apprehension y^t: prevails So much among y^m: Viz^t: That when they goe to y^e: West coast they are banished for their lives. Wee are

Yo^r: Exc^y's: very humble Servants
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL: FRASER.
WILL: HATSELL.

TO ISUM SEAD CAWN NABOB.

I rec^d: yor: friendly Lre & am glad to hear y^o: are in good health y^o: wrote me y^o: wanted to rent a house here which y^o: may & are freed to Send yor: Lumee here, as to y^e: house I leave it to yor: Servt: to acquaint y^o: of it by word of mouth att large; you may often acquaint mee of yor: good health which will rejoyce mee. No: 59.

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON GOV^R: OF FORT S^T: GEORGE & PRESID^T: OF Y^E: COAST OF CORMANDELL BAY OF BENG^LL: &^CA: FOR Y^E: R^T: HON^BLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A: TO Y^E: ILLUSTRIOUS PRINCE KING OF SUCCADANA WISHETH HEALTH & HAPPINESS.

I understand by Capt: Gullock yor: Majesty's good inclination to y^e: English Comp^a: & desire of their Settling in your Countrey to prevent y^e: Dutch from troubling it. I much pitty many of your Majesty's neighbouring Princes who are reduced to Slavery by their force & treachery whose known policy is to make a difference between two Princes and help one to ruin y^e: other & then they bring both into Subjection to themselves I hear they have often Attempted y^e: Same practice in y^e: great Island of Borneo & though they have not prevailed Yet your Majesty may be assured they only want a fitt opportunity & I think yor: Majesty takes a very wise course to cure your Self by y^e: friendship of y^e: English whose business and practice is not to Conquer Country's but to trade friendly & peaceabley & to defend themselves & their friend from y^e: Injuries of y^e: Dutch. No: 60.

When Capt: Gullock went last y^e: Gen^ll: gave him orders, Soon after which he went into other parts & dyed So y^t: I don't understand how he wrote to y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^a: Concerning this business I have Sometime expected Ships to bring Answer but they are not arrived being detain'd as I fear by our warr in Europe. In y^e: meantime I have Sent Capt. Gullock back to yor: Majesty with M^r: Charles Sherer on a Surratt Ship to maintaine a friendly correspondence & I hope y^e: next year If y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^a: do approve of Settling att Succadana to Send as many Ships as your Majesty will undertake to fill with Pepper or other Comodity's fitt for their business at a reasonable price for y^or: Majesty well knows that it will be a great charge & cannott be maintained without trade.

Capt: Gullock was mistaken in y^e: choice of a place for building which as I understand lyes up in y^e: river a great way from y^e: Sea.

If your Majesty intends y^t: wee Should be able to defend your Majesty or our Selves against y^e: Dutch y^e: fortification must be either upon Some Small Island or point of Land y^t: can hinder y^e: Dutch Ships from coming into y^e: river. Will your Majesty please to Consider of these things & Continue and encrease friendship. God grant your Majesty long life Hon^r: & prosperity. Dated in Fort S^t: George this 4th day of June 1694.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

FORT ST. GEORGE JUNE YE : 4TH : 1694.

To MR : SIMON HOLCOMBE

CHEIF &CA : COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

No : 61. Our last was ye : 10th : past by Ship Goodhope Accompanyed with 3,000 Pagodos for which goes herewith a Second bill of Lading.

Wee have recd : yours of 7th : & 9th : past the latter accompanying Lres from Bengall & ye : former ye : Copy of your last Contract.

The prices of ye : Europe goods delivered yor : Merchts : on Contract are at least 20 ℔ Cent one with another less than wee Sell here therefore if yo : cannott perswade them to allow the Fort St : George prices or near for ye : remainder of your Europe Cloth &ca : send it to us by the first Ship or vessell of ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : wch : Shall call at your factory or if you meet wth : an opportunity Send it to Bengall & Consigne it to ye : Agent & Councill.

	Fort St : George	Vizagapatam Contract
Broad cloth	... Pa : 28 : 10 : 30 Pa ℔ peice	... Pa 24 :
Aurora	... 50 :	... ... 40 :
Cloth rashes	18 : 10 : 20 :	... ... 16 :
Perpetuanas fine	... 15 :	... ... 12 :
Perpetuanas	... 10 :	... ... 8 :

If yo : can prevail with your Merchts : to bring in part of ye : Beteelas Strip'd with narrower Stripes then your Muster & with variety of Small Stripes it will better Sell wth : ye : Europe markett.

By yor : Contract it is provided yt : what Cloth will not Come up to ye : head muster Shall be put to ye : Second if it will reach it, if not to ye : third & if not So good as ye : third to be thrown out & refused but ye : Orders wch : wee last recd : from ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : & ye : Instructions Sent from hence to Vizagapatam last year was yt : all ye : Cloth brought in by ye : Merchts : tho' Inferior to ye : Muster be yet taken in upon abatements proportionable to defect in goodness or measure if not altogether unfitt for the Europe Markett wch : wee order you to observe accordingly.

The Lres wch : wee recd : last from Bengall advise us yt : they intend to Send ye : Princess hither in Septembr : & by ye : prospect they give us of ye : Saltpetre & goods already provided & Contracted for wee depend upon her Coming and She will bring near half her lading of provisions &ca : to be taken aShore here which will require Some time to unlade & ye : Season of ye : year will require dispatch to prevent our being overtaken with ye : Monsoon. Wee doe therefore order ye : Agent &ca : of Bengall to dispatch ye : Princess directly hither that She may not loose time in ye : way.

Wee therefore desire yo : to gett as many bales ready as you can yt : wee may be secure of a Sufficient quantity to Compleat her tunnage. The overplus if any be will find Room enough in ye : Ships which are to follow from Bengall whereof it is very probable yt : one of them may call at yor : factory to fill up in Janry :

You write yt : what time presents you will procure a vessell at ye : Cheapest rate yo : can for Sending your bales hither. By ye : first opportunity advise us what number of bales you think you will have ready & what prospect you have of a Conveyance yt : if occasion requires wee may make timely provision here.

As to what Mr : Holcombe writes Concerning his going to ye : West coast wee can Say no more att present than what wee have written formerly, till wee receive ye : Generall's Instructions.

When yo ; advised us yt : yo : would Send us ye : Wheat &ca : Laded from ye : Samuell wee depended upon it, & therefore thought it needless to give you any orders about it but when yo : found your Selves disappointed of a Conveyance & yt : ye : wheat &ca : was So bad as you write in yours of [. . .] & Consequently grow worse & worse every day & in danger of being unluckily Spoilt by expecting our Orders, Wee do not understand why you did not Sell it for what it would yeild as well as Send ye : Same Ship without orders, but besides it is very Strange yt :

that wheat which was landed at Vizagm: Should prove So extreamly worm eaten wn: ye: remaining part which was landed here from ye: Same Ship & from ye: Same parcell proved as good as Bengall wheat ordinary does & Spends well to ye: Last.

In yors: of 12: ffebry: you give us your opinion for Sending a factor & writer to Ganjam for ye: procuring of Cloth & grain &ca. The Rt: Honble: Compa: have reduced their Settlemts: on this Coast to three & expressly order'd yt: no other Settlemt: Shall be made without their owne particular direction & till wee receive that it is not in our power to appoint or approve a Settlemt: at Ganjam. Tho' ye: Argumt: you alledge for it deserves to be Consider'd & wee are Apprehensive yt: ye: private trade as it hath been lately driven at Ganjam &ca: is a reall injury to ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: trade on ye: Coast of Gingerlee not only with respect to ye: Irregular managemt: of particular persons who instead of paying Custome have given presents to ye: Govermt: for permission & dispatch of their business but cheifly with respect to ye: Sorts of Comodity's in wch: ye: private traders Cheifly deale Such as Rice, Paddy, Gram, butter & Oyle, which when it is exported by ye: Choudry people ye: Choudry does Compell them to pay from 15 to 25 ₱ Cent Custom for which he pays to ye: Seerlascar 15,000 or 18,000 Rups: ₱ annum Vizt: for Ganjam & ye: other adjust [adjacent?] ports both which yields but a Small part but when private English men or ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Servants drives So Considerable a trade at Ganjam & export by boates & Ships So great part of those Comodity's & Setling themselves under ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: privelege refuse to pay him that Custome wch: he should receive for ye: Same goods if exported by ye: Country people. By this meanes he finds himself accountable of paying his rents to ye: Seer Lascar & therefore frequently Compells ye: private traders to make him presents in [lieu] of Custome, As wee hear he has lately demanded of Mr: Holcomb's Servant whom he Sent upon his private business & he refusing to pay ye: Choudry has carry'd him away by force from Ganjam & if he deals thus with ye: Cheif's Servant it will be no wonder if he deales So with others. And it is plain that ye: Choudry is Sensible that this trade is not ye: Compas: but their Servants or private men's and he will always make yt: distinction while the trade is driven So much to his disadvantage, By a moderate Comp[ut]ation of ys: Ganjam trade this year driven by ye: English has not Amounted to less than 25: or 30,000 Rups: ye: Custome whereof if exported by his owne people would amot: to a third part of his rent.

Upon ye: whole it Seems at present Expedt: either to returne all trade at Ganjam or to permitt only So much as is really manag'd for the Account of ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: or their Servants of Vizagm: & to be limitted to a Certaine Sum yearly & then probably ye: Choudry would not oppose ye: Compas: privelidge. There is also a further reason for Such limitation to ye: Compas: Servts: The trade in grain, butter &ca: if managed with a large Stock does involve ye: Dealers in vanity & multiplicity of business & Accots: especially if they deliver out ye: money beforehand So that if ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: have occasion for their Service in any other place ye: State of their affairs will not permitt them to leave ye: factory under a yeares time without removing themselves & their family's. And this Seems to be one Cause (tho' his want of health was a reason) why Mr: Holcombe cannott goe to Yorke Fort he having transmitted out 40,000 Rups: among ye: Country people of that Coast as wee are informed.

The Rt: Honble: Compa: do give a great Indulgence & freedom in private trade but doubtless they expect that it be So managed as to Comport wth: ye: Publick Interest & to leave their Servts: free to remove from place to place as there is occasion for their Service.

As to ye: town rent ye: first thing to be Considered is yt: ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: be Secured from Losse wch: by yor: prudent managemt: you have effected without ye: Security of ye: Inhabitants by encreasing ye: revenues So much more than your predecessours & you have a prospect of future profitt But notwithstanding all yt: you have ever alledged wee are of opinion yt: while ye: town remains as it is to be rented yearly or at 3 yeares att a rack rent, it is ye: Rt: Honble:

Compas: interest yt: ye: rent be not encreased by ye: encrease of ye: revenues their Interest being only to have Govt: in their owne hands for ye: more Secure & Convenient managemt: of business & for ye: ease of ye: Inhabitants not a profitt by ye: revenues Unless ye: place were fortifyed to Secure ye: Possession of your Emprovemts: Till when it is better yt: ye: rent & revenues of Vizagm: remaine as they were & under ye: principall inhabitants who by exampling [*sic*] Some of themselves from paymt: of Custome due only abate ye: Amot: of ye: revenue & they may be permitted to do So while they Save yo: from Loss. When ever your time is expired ye: Duan will probably demand ye: overplus of ye: profitt & will Certainly encrease ye: rent of ye: least as much if not more then ye: encrease of revenue & upon ye: ballance of Accounts ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: will not, tho' ye: Duan will be a gainer.

Wee only argue ye: point of ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: interest & desire yo: to consider further & give us yor: opinion as well to ye: town rents as ye: Setlemt: at Ganjam, but wee do not positively resolve or order any thing but Shall referr ye: determination to his Excy: ye: Genll: & ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: nor would wee be understood to blame or discourage Mr: Holcomb's industry in endeavouring to promote ye: revenues & whether yt: be Convenient or no yet ye: encrease of Washers, Weavers Artificers & Such Inhabitants as will be usefull & Serviceable in ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: business is without doubt to be encouraged & presented. Wee are

Yor: Affecte: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.
WILLM: HATSELL.

P.S.—Wee have paid here half a quarters Sallary to Mr: Charles Barwell Pae: 8: 32: fas: wch: yo: must give us creditt there is due to Mr: Bridges for half a yeares Sallary 8: 32: & to Mr: Hynmers for one years Sallary 11: 30: 4: wch: yo: must pay to them & wee Shall give you creditt for ye: Same ye: aforde Sallary's all ends 25 March last.

Yors: N: H:
J: D:
W: F:
W: H:

FORT ST: GEORGE JUNE YE: 7TH: 1694.

TO YE: RT: WORPLL: ADRISER VISSER GOVR:
&CA: COUNLL: FOR AFFAIRS OF YE: RT: HONBLE:
NETHERLAND EAST INDIA COMPA: ATT POLLICATT.

No : 62. The last month came two vessells into this road from Pollicatt to Negapatam & being in distress for want of wood water & rice, wee furnished ye: Masters with what necessary's they required as appears by their Severall receipts ye: Copies whereof comes inclosed Amots: to Pagodos [. . .] which wee desire your Worship &ca: to order to be paid here & wee Shall upon paymt: produce & deliver ye: Said Masters originall receipts to Such persons as Shall be appointed. Wee are

Yor: Worpll: &ca: very
Affecte: friends & Servants
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.
WILLM: HATSELL.

Fort St. George
June ye: 9th: 1694.

TO MR: PHILIP NODEN.

No : 63. Wee have recd: yors: of 10th: & 20th: past advising yor: tale of ye: briganteen & lading of timbers & planks on board for this place & yt: Severall Moormen do

demand rent for Matchlepatam factory & had thereupon put a Stop to y^{e}: Timbers &c^{ca}: There is little reason y^{t}: y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: Should pay rent while y^{e}: Goverm^{t}: has kept possession of y^{e}: factory w^{ch}: has been a Considerable part of y^{e}: time but if you find y^{o}: Cannot gett away y^{e}: timber &c^{ca}: rather than loose them Accomodate y^{e}: matter wth: them as well as y^{o}: Can. M^{r}: Brough paid one of them Viz^{t}: Mahumood Husen 40 Pa: in fine of 90: 32: for rent at Pa: 15 ℘ annum for 6 yeares & 2 months ending in December 1692 w^{ch}: may be an Argum^{t}: to ye rest to Accept of half for what due to them. M^{r}: Brough gives an Acco^{t}: y^{t}: y^{e}: Last paym^{t}: to Burrema was to y^{e}: 25th: July 1687 to June 1694 is 6 yeares 11: months at 12 Pa: ℘ annum Amo^{ts}: to Pag^{s}: 83: & to Mu[s]tapha y^{e}: last paym^{t}: was to y^{e}: 3^{d}: August 1687 to 3^{d}: June 1694: is 6: yeares 10: mo^{s}: at 3: Pa: ℘ annum Amo^{ts}: to P^{a}: 20: 18: ^{fa}:

You may try if y^{o}: can gett y^{e}: Matchlepatam Musters Carpets Tents or anything of value & not very bulky but y^{o}: need not engage So farr for y^{e}: getting them as to hinder your owne & family's removall hither quitt the factory as Soon as you can & come away leaving y^{e}: keys with y^{e}: Governour or Servts: of y^{e}: factory or in the factory as y^{o}: can. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Loving: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
WILL^{M}: HATSELL.

Fort S^{t}: George
June y^{e}: 14th: 1694.

TO Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: WILL^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}.
DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

There comes to y^{o}: by M^{r}: Hatsell who brings with him P^{a}: 2000: one Tumble- No. 64.
dan & 200 flints Amo^{ts}: as ℘ Inclosed Invoice to Pa: [. . .] which wth: M^{r}: Alvaro's bill will enable you to pay your Merch^{ts}: Pag^{es}: 1000: on Account & to defray Charges Garrison & to pay for as much Indigoe as y^{o}: Can procure good, but if you have a prospect of getting more y^{n}: your money will purchase advise us & wee will Supply y^{o}:, You will have no Occasion to draw bills on us unless y^{or}: Merch^{ts}: will Contract for providing Calicues.

Advise us what quantity of Lead & broad cloth y^{o}: have Sold or can Sell y^{t}: wee may Supply your Markett with as much as it will take off ours being rather overstocked att present.

Wee have examined M^{r}: Constable upon y^{e}: matter alleged in your Gen^{ll}: Lre: of 18: Aprill [. . .] plain reasons by his owne acknowledgm^{t}: to Conclude y^{t}: he has been guilty of applying y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: money to his owne use, & therefore have order'd him to repair to Fort S^{t}: David, & adjust his Acco^{ts}: & pay y^{e}: ballance into y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Cash but during his Stay there not to take place in Councill nor to be employed in any other business but y^{e}: finishing his Acco^{ts}: after w^{ch}: to returne hither. Wee have rec^{d}: of M^{r}: Constable Pag^{s}: 500: in part of his ballance Land Custome Acco^{ts}: for which wee give your factory Creditt.

Wee have heard M^{r}: Constables information of a Considerable quantity of Calic[u]es to y^{e}: Amo^{t}: of 5000: Pag^{es}: imported by M^{r}: Hatsell or his Serv^{ts}: & carryed privately to goedowns without carrying them to y^{e}: Choultrey to be valued by the Land Customer & without y^{e}: Land Customers knowledge, whereupon wee have order'd y^{t}: an examination of Sundry things be made and reported by M^{r}: Haynes, M^{r}: Ingram M^{r}: Mountague & M^{r}: Barwell as by y^{e}: Inclosed Copy of our Consultation y^{e}: 13th: Ins^{t}:

Sundo Ballogee wee hear is reduced to great want & lives within your bounds. He was once order'd a monthly Allowance in Consideration of his Service in lying out of your bounds by y^{e}: Random Shott, wherein he was kind & may be an usefull man if y^{o}: can keep him true to your interest. Unless y^{o}: know any good Reason to y^{e}: Contrary you may employ him as Surveigher of y^{e}:

bounds & fields & vesear [?] of planting. Whereby y°: may make a Considerable emprovem^t: by planting trees propper for growing in y^e: Moore barran places & you may allow Sando Ballagee a monthly paym^t: as you Shall find he deserves not exceeding 5 Pagodos ℘ month.

We have rec^d: y^e: Fort S^t: David Gen^ll: Lr̃e dated y^e: 6: Ins^t: advising yor: receipt of pagodos 400: on M^r: Alvaro's bill drawn on Sen̄: John Ferreira when y^e: remainder is received advise us y^t: wee pay it here & charge y^e: Same to yor: Factory.

Cause an Acco^t: to be taken forthw^th: (if not already done) of all your reall remains ending Ultimo: Aprill y^t: your Gen^ll: books may be ballanced thereby & Send us a Copy thereby with Copies of your Consultation Paymasters, Sea Customers, & Land Customers, & Stewards Acco^ts: which ought to Come to us monthly, but wee have rec^d: no Copy's but w^tt: are Sent to England. Formerly it was alledged y^t: you want assistants but now y°: are Supply'd. Wee are

Yo^r: Affect^e: friends

Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
Willm: Fraser.

Fort S^t: George
June y^e: 16th: 1694.

To Samuel Wilson Esqr:
Govr: &c^a: Coun^ll: att Yorke Fort.

N°: 65. Wee wrote y°: so largely by y^e: Royall James & Mary & y^e: Madapollum in March last y^t: wee have litle to add. This comes by Ship Northampton Capt: Richard Phripp Comd^r: who brings you nothing but a litle Goa arrack & Sherash wine amo^ts: as ℘ Inclosed Invoice & bill of Lading to Pa: [. . .]

Capt: Phripp was formerly guilty of affronting y^e: Govr: of York fort he has Seen his errour & promise better behaviour for y^e: future as by y^e: Inclosed Copy of our Consultation [. . .] his retraction of his protest & obligation. His owners have joyned him to be assistant to you as occasion requires without prejudice to his voyage.

His Exc^y: S^r: John Gayer who Succeeds S^r: John Goldsborough Generall of India departed y^e: 5th: Aprill Last with y^e: Defence & Resolution from Callicutt for Bombay but wee have not yet heard of his arrivall at Surratt.

In October next wee intend to Send y°: another vessell either directly from hence or from Bengall with Stores; wee hope to hear from y°: by the Madapollum before y^t:

Advise impartially to Bengall & our Selves of Capt: Bucks behaviour, if he do's not duely observe your orders.

Wee depend upon you for pepper to help fill up y^e: large tunnage in y^e: Country. Wee are

Yo^r: Affect^e: Friends

Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
Willm: Fraser.

P.S.—Send us y^e: Copy of York Fort Gen^ll: books S. without w^ch: wee cannott State the Acco^ts: of Indapore, also cause y^e: Acco^t: Currant between York Fort & Indapore to be examined & Stated as to all such particulars as were not entred in your generall books when M^r: Butterfeild left Yorke Fort & remitt us an Account thereof.

N.H.
J.D.
W.F.

LIST OF YE: PACQUETT TO YORKE FORT.

Nº: 1. Generall Lre dated ye: 16: June 1694.
2. Copy of Capt: Phrips retraction of his protest.
3. Ditto's Obligation.
4. Copy of Consultations datd: 17th: May & 13th: June 94.
5. Bill of Lading of Ship Northampton.
6. Invoice of Ditto.

FORT ST: GEORGE, JUNE YE: 13TH: 1694.

To MR: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &CA: COUNLL: ATT VIZAGAPM:

The foregoing of 4th: Inst: being detained by the expecting of a Sea Conveyance has given us ye: opportunity of answering yors: of 27th: past. NO: 66.

Yor: Merchants offer of ye: Europe cloth att Cheaper rates than they took them it's but a bravado. They don't intend to part with them soe but would induce us to lett them have it cheaper next time. However lett them enjoy ye: benefitt of what they have recd: & Send all your remaining Europe broad cloth perpetuanas & Cloth rashes & Arrora to ye: Agent & Counll: of Bengall by this brigantine they having advised us yt: they can Sell it there.

We Send you Inclosed a Copy of ye: Bengll: Invoice of wheat &ca: ℗ Ship Samuell.

In answer to Mr: Stables petition of repairing hither wee appoint him third of Councill at Vizagapatam. Wee are

Yor: Affecte: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

P.S.—Wee Send yo: ℗ Brigantine Acheen Mercht: Robert Masfin Master Pags: 9000: with Stores as ℗ the inclosed bill of lading & Invoice Amounting to Pags: [. . .] ye: Pags: are put up in nine long baggs Seal'd in one Chest & ye: Master has orders in case he overshoots ye: Port to open ye: Chest & Send them overland to your factory by 10: of your returned Peons which have been kept here Some time for yt: purpose.
Idem.

To YE: RT: WORPLL: CHARLES EYRES
AGENT &CA: COUNLL: FOR AFFAIRES OF YE: RT: HONBLE:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA: IN BENGALL ATT CHUTTANUTTE.

Our last was 5th: past ℗ Shippe Michaell Since wch: wee have recd: yours of 5th: Aprill over land & are also to answer Severall particulars in yours of 16th: & 26th: February. NO: 67.

Wee do not approve of Mr: Hill & Mr: Bowridge their refusing or avoiding to repair hither when they were So ordered by his Excy: ye: Comissary Genll: All ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Servts: are bound by their Indentures to obey ye: orders of their Superiours when they are appointed to remove from one part

part of India to another & in case of refusall you have full power by vertue of his majesty's Charter to Send any Englishman to Fort St: George whom you apprehend guilty of any Crime or indebted to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: yt: he may be tryed or Sued in ye: Court of Admiralty, but ye: better to enable you to send Mr: Hill & Mr: Bowridge hither wee Send you inclosed a Warrant for each taken out of ye: Court of Admiralty. That relating to Mr: Bowridge being on an Action entred against him by ye: Attorney Generall in ye: Court of Admiralty for 7000 Rups: in behalf of ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: also a warrant for attaching ye: Said Sum̃ of Mr: Bowridge's in ye: hands of Mr: John Beard which lett be executed & if Mr: Bowridge will give you good Security according to ye: forme herewith Sent you ye: attachment may be taken off & Mr: Beard att liberty to pay ye: money to whom it belongs.

Also a warrant for apprehending & Sending hither Edward Hussey & William Messinger lett ye: house which Messinger has taken forceable possession of be Sold as ye: Com̃issary Generall order'd & ye: money brought into ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Cash for ye: Rt: owners when they appear.

Mr: Bowridge has put a Sham upon us in pretending to appoint Attorney's but he has named none to us nor do any appear Send up with him all papers & Accots: necessary besides those which wee have already received whereof wee Send you a List & give Mr: Bowridge timely order to bring with him all his Accots: relating to ye: Rednagurs Investmt: which lett him produce to you & Send us ye: list of what he Shall produce to you with him put remarks on their Invalidity or validity as you Shall find cause to make.

By yours of 5: Aprill wee gladly understand ye: good prospect you have of getting 30 or 40,000 Maunds of Saltpetre (tho att very dear rates) & of dispatching ye: Princess to us in August next with ye: best part of her Europe lading & your prudent provision of Cotton & Gurrahs for compleating ye: tunage & have good hopes that these four Ships will be laden & dispatched in good time this year. The stop on trade being now taken off by the Kings Husbulhookum which wee recd: on ye: 16th: Inst: from Issa Cooley & comes herewth: wth: It's translate. Wee have Sent yo: a Copy Chaupd by ye: Cozee by ye: Brigantine Acheen Mercht: Capt: Masfin Master who calls at Vizagapatam.

The stop on trade Seemeth to be one principall reason wch: moved ye: late Com̃issary Genll: to withdraw ye: upper factory's & yt: being removed wee see no reason why yo: may not as yo: propounded to Send one of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Servants to each factory where yo: think most Convenient for buying fine goods for ye: present occasion but ye: resettling of ye: factory's is a matter of great moment & is not to be undertaken without due consideration & ye: Generall's orders. Wee therefore recomend particularly to you to give your thoughts in writing of ye: measures to be taken in resettling ye: factory's in Such manner as to prevent all former irregularityes which wee will transmitt to ye: Generall.

The Husbulhookum tho' it cost So much money yet will pay its own charges by your receiving of goods in due time & by removing ye: necessity you were under of bringing your goods down in ye: name of Merchts: trading to Surratt &ca: & will Consequently Save what they might have paid extraordinary wch: would have amounted to a Considerable Sum on ye: whole Investment.

You advise us yt: upon taking off ye: Stop of trade you can Sell Europe cloth & Lead but dont advise ye: quantity. You have Lead enough already in Bengall for your Markett which as before wrote you may take as much as you can Sell & Send us ye: rest. There is Some Europe Cloth att Vizagapatam more than they can there dispose of wch: wee have order'd ye: Cheif &ca: there to Send to you by Brigantine Acheen Mercht: but wee cannott tell what quantity. But Suppose it will not be much & by ye: Accot: they have given us of it, part is damaged.

When you Send any Bengall provisions &ca: for ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Accot: Send us therewith an Accot: Signed by ye: person or persons who brought & Shipped ye: Same.

Wee have ordered ye: red wood which wee formerly Sent on Ship Tankard for Ballasore road & put back to Madapollum & from thence to Vizagapatam to be Sent forward to you on ye: Same Ship deliverable att Chuttanutte for which you have already bill of lading & Invoice upon Receipt pay freight at ye: rate of ½ a pagodo ℘ Candy to ye: owners of ye: Ship or their order, tho' wee had before agreed to pay it here on advice of its delivery in Ballasore road.

As for ye: Controversy annoying you relating to ye: division of ye: Comission on private trade wee Shall give you a full answer by ye: next conveyance which will be in few days.

Wee Send yo: ye: Husbulhookum Signed by ye: Grand Vizier for taking off ye: Stop on trade in Bengall with translate thereof & a Lre recd: from Issa Cooley concerning which give us your Speedy advice. Wee have a Copy of ye: Said Husbulkookum Signed by ye: Cozee.

Send us by ye: Princess Anne of Denmarke att least 20 butts Arrack 300 Maunds of wheat 100 Jarrs of butter 100 jarrs of oyle 1000 ps: Gunny's 1000 bags 50 maunds of rope 50 maunds of match 50 Jarrs ruske & as much rice as you have room to fill up. Wee are

Yor: very Affecte: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

LIST OF YE: PACQUETT TO BENGALL ℘ SHIP UNITY.

No: 1. Genll: Lre dated 19th: June 1694.
2. Translate of ye: Bengall Husbullhookum.
3. Translate of Issa Cooley's Lre to ye: Presidt:
4. List of papers relating to Mr: Bowridge received from Bengall.
5. Five warrants from ye: Court of Admiralty.

FORT ST: GEORGE JUNE YE: 21ST: 1694.

To MR: ROBERT MASFEN
MASTER OF BRIGANTINE ACHEEN MERCHANT.

Wee having laden aboard your brigantine one Chest of treasure qt: nine thousand pags: in nine long baggs Sealed up Consigned to ye: Cheif & Counll: att Vizagapatam in case you Shall overshoot ye: Port So yt: you cannot reach it but Shall be forced to proceed on your intended voyage to Bengall. wee then give you liberty & orders to open Said Chest & deliver ye: Said baggs & our packuett unto ye: 10 Vizagapatam Peons who take their passage with you for yt: purpose & Sett them Safe ashore with orders to proceed to Vizagapatam. Wee are No: 68.

Yor: Loving friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

Fort St: George
June ye: 22d: 1694.

To YE: WORPLL: WILLM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: &CA: COUNLL: ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

Our last was 14th: Inst: Since wch: wee recd: yours of 16: Ins: advising your receipt of the money on bill drawn by Mr. Alvaro's on John Ferriera but dos not mention ye: Sum which was Pages: 1081: 20: fa: & Shall be paid when demanded & your bill advised to be drawn on us for 70 Pags: payable to Mr: Chardin but draw no more till you advise ye: Occasion. No: 69.

Wee are glad to understand y^{e}: prospect you have of getting Indigo. Increase your Investm^{t}: in that time you can make none in Cloth but forgett not to put your Merchants upon undertaking an Investm^{t}: against Jan^{ry}: next So Soon as y^{e}: troubles of y^{e}: Country Shall be better Settled.

Eramrause has offer'd to us here y^{t}: he will give Chuck^{r}: 6500: for y^{e}: Same rents &c^{a}: w^{ch}: y^{e}: last year were lett for 5050: So that if nobody bids more at the outcry then that sum. Lett it be declared at the outcry y^{t}: Eramrause dos offer so much, and if no body bids more y^{t}: it is his. Eramrause has written a Letter to his partner Vincate Rama Concerning it w^{ch}: comes Inclosed. Wee do not make a bargain with Eramrause but receive & Send you his offer by which you have this advantage that y^{e}: rent will not go for less than 6500: Chuck^{r}: but if any body bids more, it's better. Wee are

Yor: Affect^{e}: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.

Fort St: George
June y^{e}: 22^{d}: 1694.

To His Exc^{y}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYER
GENERALL OF INDIA ATT SURRATT.

No: 70. On y^{e}: 16th: Ins^{t}: wee rec^{d}: a Letter from Issa Cooley from y^{e}: Camp with y^{e}: Kings Husbulhookum for taking off y^{e}: Stop on trade in Bengall. Copies of their translates come herewith & of Issa Cooley's Letter to Cojee Gregoree w^{ch}: is all y^{e}: acco^{t}: wee have of this matter. On y^{e}: 21st: Ins^{t}: wee Sent Copy's of their translates with y^{e}: Husbulhookum to y^{e}: Agent of Bengall by Ship Unity as by y^{e}: Copy of our Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to them dated y^{e}: 19th: Ins^{t}: & reserve of y^{e}: Copy chap'd by y^{e}: Cozee. Wee have not yet paid y^{e}: 6000 Rup^{s}: & probably Shall Stay till wee receive an Answer from Bengall.

Wee Send yor: Excell^{cy}: a paragraph of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Generall Lr̃e to Fort S^{t}: George dated 29: feb^{ry}: 1691/2 relating to Rettorah w^{ch}: was a ground upon which y^{e}: late Com̃issary Generall did give orders for a Settlem^{t}: & fortification there, besides his owne particular Instructions of which wee have no Copy. Also a Copy of his Consultation in Fort S^{t}: George dated [. . .] when he first resolved to undertake it & wee are no further Concerned to order or direct y^{e}: prosecution which was wholly referred to Surratt & now depends on yor: Excell$^{cy's}$: orders. The Acco^{t}: of our disbursem^{ts}: on y^{e}: Settlement is Sent in a Lr̃e apart directed to yor: Excell^{cy}: & in absence to y^{e}: Presid^{t}: & Coun^{ll}: of Surratt.

Our Fort S^{t}: George Merch^{ts}: after 3 or 4 months treating about their taking of our Europe goods & making a further Contract for Septem^{r}: next do att last refuse to meddle with our goods and offer'd only to Contract for an Investment of 3000: Pag^{s}: & then Stood upon litle vicely's [?] and Scruples which wee could not gratifye them in & therefore resolved not to make any contract with them now nor will they be able to do y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: any credible or Considerable Service while they Continue as they now are engaged & involved in Law suits & differences in Acco^{ts}: among themselves w^{ch}: so employs their whole time that very few of them do give due attendance on y^{e}: business of y^{e}: joynt Stock Merch^{ts}:

A Danes Ship of 500: tunns is lately arrived from Europe att Trincombarr but wee have yet no news tho' Severall Peons have passed Since her Arrivall yet M^{r}: Aflik their Correspondent & Countryman has received no Europe advices. It Seems they keep it close y^{e}: Country Merchants say that they have brought Soldiers good Store of broad cloth & Lead & two Shipps more are expected of

Smaller burdens to Stay in y^{e}: Country. Wee have no advice of any Dutch or french Ships yet arrived in India nor any on this Coast from Batavia four Dutch Ships do Still wait upon y^{e} : two french Ships in Bengall.

Herewith is y^{e}: Copy of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Comission dated 10: Aprill 1693 appointing y^{e}: Generall & Successour (Copy whereof has been Sent your Excellency) also Copy of y^{e} : Judge^{mt}: of y^{e} : Court of Admiralty in y^{e}: Action of y^{e} : R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a} : against y^{e} : late Presid^{t}: Yale Relating to Fort S^{t}: George Merch^{ts}: The judge does promise in a few days y^{e} : State of y^{e} : case.

D^{r} : Blackwall Still continues under a Confinem^{t}: in y^{e}: Fort & wee have come to this conclusion with him that he either go to Bombay to reside there if yor: Excell^{cy} : do approve of it or go home to England by y^{e}: first Ship. He condescends to either as an opportunity happens but expresses himself inclin'd for England. Wee pray yor: Exc^{y}: to Signify your pleasure as to his going to Bombay.

By y^{e}: Bengall advices wee depend upon y^{e}: Princess Anne of Denmarke being dispatcht to us in Septem^{r}: & hope to be able to dispatch her from hence for England within ten days after her Arrivall here.

On y^{o}: 16th: Ins^{t}: we rec^{d}: another Parwanna from Zulphaker Cawn, and an order from Arsuma Naigue to his officers for delivering y^{e}: new towns to our possession w^{ch}: is accordingly done & wee are bringing in y^{e}: Paddy but cannott yet make a Calculate of y^{e} : profitt or Loss. These towns are capable of further emprovem^{t}: but it has been our opinion & is Still y^{t}: it is better to lett them remaine as they are till wee have had 2 or 3 yeares peaceable possession & in y^{e}: mean time only plant Palmera & Cadgue trees in barren places. Wee are

Yo^{r} : Excell$^{cy's}$: most hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts} :

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^{M} : FRASER.

P.S.—The triall relating to [. . .] wth : y^{e} : late Presid^{t} : Yale is So long y^{t} : it cannot possibly be transcrib'd Soon enough to [. . .] yor : Excell^{cy} : by the Conveyance: when tis finished the whole evidence & reasons of y^{e} : Judgement will Appr^{r} : from [. . .].

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO Y^{E}: GENERALL ATT SURRATT.

N°. 1. Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: to his Ex^{cy} : y^{e}: Generall dated y^{e}: 11th: & 22^{d} : June 1694.
2. Copy of Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll} : Lr̃e dat : 27th : March.
3. Copy of d^{o} : to Bengall dated 2^{d}: Aprill 1694.
4. Ditto of a Contract of Ship Armenian Merch^{t}: dated y^{e}: 24th: May 1694.
5. Ditto of our orders to Capt: Newnam dat : 30th : March 1694.
6. Ditto of our Instructions to Capt: Gullock dated y^{e} : 4th : June.
7. Ditto of y^{e} : Presid^{t} : Lr̃e to y^{e} : King of Succadana.
8. D^{o} : of y^{e} : King of Succadana's grant to y^{e} : R^{t} : H : Comp^{a} :
9. D^{o} : of a paragraph of Vizagapatam in Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e dated Feb^{ry} : 10th : 1693-4.
10. Ditto of a Generall Lr̃e dated y^{e} : 7th : May 1694.
11. Copy of our Consultation dated 18 : May relating to Capt: Gullock.
12. Ditto of Beng^{ll} : Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e dat : 5th : Apr^{ll} : 1694 to y^{e} : Fort.

13. D°: of a Commission from ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: appointing ye: Genll: & his Successr: dat: [. . .] 93.
14. A paragraph of a Genll: Lr̃e from ye: Rt: Honble: Compa; to Fort St: George dat: 29th: febry: 1691-2.
15. Copy of Fort St: George Genll: Lr̃e to Bengall dated ye: 19th: June 1694.
16. Ditto of D°: to Vizagapatam dat: 4th: & 18th June 94.
17. D°: of a translate of a Lr̃e from Issa Cooley recd: June ye: 16: 1694.
18. Ditto of a translate of a husbulhookum to ye: Duan at Bengall.
19. An Abstract of Issa Cooleys Lr̃e to Cojee Gregoree.
20. Copy of a Consultation relating to Rettorah.

Fort St: George 25th: June 94.

To His Excellcy: Sr: John Gayer Genll:
& ye: Honble: Bartho: Harris Presidt: &ca:
Counll: att Surratt.

N° : 71. Wee recd: a generall Lr̃e dat: 16th: March last relating to Chellaby's demand on Coja Panns Armenian Chellaby's Vacqueell & Hodgee Allea & Coja Panns did before us declare an Agreemt: made between them that Coja Panns should deposit ye: money either in our hands or in ye: hands of a third Per[son] to be paid unto Chellaby's Vacqueel upon his producing ye: Cozee of Surratt's Chaup or a writing Signed by ye: heires of Mahmood Chellaby & Coja Menas Signifying yt: ⅔ Pts: of ye: freight did belong to Mahmood Chellaby & Chellaby's Vacqueel did owne yt: he has already recd: of Coja Pann's Rups: 8,000 ye: half of ye: freight Accot: & yt: he do's demand no more than 2,700 Rups: to make it up ⅔ Pts: of 16,000: Rups: ye: amot: which is agreeable to a writing which Coja Panns gave to Hodgee Allea Six months agoe when he paid him 8,000 Rs: ye: Copy whereof comes inclosed. But ye: Vacqueel varies So much from his owne Agreemt: & pretending ye: Cozees Chaup cannott be procur'd do's instead thereof produce a paper attested by Severall Armenians Importing ye: ⅔ Pts: did belong to Mahmood Chellaby's Pann's alledges that ye: Armenian Attestation is not Sufficient & that nothing will Secure him against Coja Menas demand but ye: Cozees Chaup or ye: Acknowledgemt: of ye: heires of Coja Menas. This is all that wee can Say at present to that matter. Our next will probably give your: Excellency &ca: a further Account.

Herewith is inclosed ye: Accot: of our disbursement on Accot: of Rettarah's Settlemt: amots: Pages: [. . .] for which Sum wee debt Accot: Currt: London by your presidency. The Sum of Pa: 20: 10 is paid to ye: wives of ye: Topas Soldiers Sent wth: Mr: Brabourne for ye: Settlement of their familys to preserve them from Starving or begging & wee pray yor: Excy: &ca: to give orders to Mr: Brabourne &ca: yt: ye: Same may be Stopt out of their respective wages both for those months yt: wee have paid them a[nd] monthly hereafter. We are

Yor: Excellcy's: most humble: Servts:

Nath: Higginson.
John Dolben.
Willm: Fraser.

P.S.—Wee desire yor: Excy: &ca: by ye: first opportunity to Send us a bale or two of red Beteelas for flaggs.

LIST OF YE: PACQUETT TO HIS EXCY: YE: GENLL: & TO YE: PRESIDT: &ca: ATT SURRATT.

No. 1. Generall Letter dated ye: 25th: June 1694.
2. Invoice of Brigantine Gingerlee to Rettorah.
3. Ditto of Ketch Mochdum do:
4. Charges of do: for her voyage to do: place.
5. List of Soldiers yt: left allowance to be paid out of their pay here.

ACCOT: OF YE: CHARGES ℘ BRIGANTINE GINGERLEE & KETCH MOCHDUM.

No. 1. Invoice Brigantine Gingerlee...	Pa:	3,505: 34: 2:
2. Ditto Ketch Mochdum	„	1,359: 27: 1:
3. Amot: of Paymasters do: 16 for Ketch Mochdum & brigantine Gingerlee	„	558: 30:—
4. Amot: of Stores for Ketch Mochdum	„	63: 21: 4
5. Paid Soldiers wives	„	20: 10:—
	Pags:	5,508: 14: 7

FORT ST: GEORGE JUNE YE: 28TH. 1694.

TO YE: WORPLL: WILLM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: &CA: COUNLL: ATT FORT ST. DAVID.

Our last was 22d: Inst: Wee have recd: yors: of 20th: ye: Cost of ye: 200 flints omitted in our last Invoice is fa: 18: Send us as much Indigo as yo: Shall have ready by every opportunity of Sea Conveyance that offers. No: 72,

If you cannott Sell Lead & Europe Cloth at ye: prices you Sold formerly you may abate Some thing abot: half a pagodo in a Candy of Lead & peice of perpetuanas & about a pagodo in a peice of broad Cloth for by their Sale you must Supply your own Occasion.

As Soon as Eramrause knows ye: result of his proposall for paying 6,500: Chuckr: for ye: rents he will come to you & Conclude wth: yo: for ye: ferry boat & arrack distilling, he also makes a proposall for ye: measuring duty wch: consider of for ye: renting it will Save Charges of Conocoply's &ca.

Mr: Barwell wee Suppose may be Spared or else yo: would not propound his coming hither he has therefore leave to come at his owne charges in his absence appoint ye: fittest ℘son to take care of ye: Land Custom. Wee are

Yor: Affectionate friends

Fort St. George
July ye: 3d: 1694.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

TO MR: SIMON HOLCOMBE FORT ST. GEORGE JUNE YE: 28: 1694.
CHEIF &CA: COUNLL: ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Wee wrote ye: 4th: & 18th: Inst: by brigantine Acheen Mercht: Robert Masfin Master by whom Sent yo: two hhds: of Arrack 2 Chests of Wine & 9000. Pags: & 10: of your returned Peons, & gave ye: Master orders in case he overshott ye: Port to take the money out of ye: Chest & Send it to yo: by ye: Peons. No: 37,

Since which wee have recd: yors: of 4th: Inst: for money which is answer'd by ye: foregoing & wee Shall take every opportunity of Sending you a farther Supply.

Yor: Account of ye: Vizagapatam towne rent is very Satisfactory & is a

demonstration of your diligent endeavours, but wee referr y° : to our last which consider & give us your opinion. Wee are

Yo^r^ : Affect^e^ : friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^M^ : FRASER.

Fort St. George
July y^e^ : 3^d^ : 1694.

TO Y^E^ : WORP^LL^ : WILL^M^ : HATSELL ESQ^R^ :
DEP^TY^ : GOV^R^ : &C^A^ : COUN^LL^ : ATT FORT S^T^ : DAVID.

No : 74. Our last was 28th : past Since w^h^ : wee have rec^d^ : yours of 25th : & 29th : past y^e^ : former bringing M^r^ : Hayn's &c^a^ : their report of y^e^ : examination of Cloth bought by M^r^ : Hatsell's Serv^ts^ : for y^e^ : Spaniards. Lett M^r^ : Constable have y^e^ : perusall of it & if he has any thing more to Say give us an Acco^t^ : thereof Speedily.

When M^r^ : Constable went from hence he pretended that their is owing to him on y^e^ : Storekeeper's Acco^t^ : almost as much as would ballance his Land Custome Acco^ts^ : pray examine both his Acco^ts^ : strictly & when that is done Lett him returne hither.

By y^e^ : Said report wee perceive y^t^ : y^e^ : Land Customer does use to remitt y^e^ : Choultry business monthly to y^e^ : Conicoply's who Signe most of y^e^ : Chittees for passing goods. For y^e^ : future lett y^e^ : Land Customer look better after it himself & Signe all Chittees & y^e^ : Sea Customer is not to accept of any Signed by y^e^ : Conicoply's.

If Zulphaker Cawn comes from Pollimcott to Porto Novo you cannott well avoid presenting him ; for y^e^ : way from Porto Novo to Wanderwash lyes through or near your bounds. It will be therefore best to meett him at Porto Novo with a present & divert y^e^ : passage of his Army more inland which he would easier be perswaded to before than after y^e^ : next Stage for encamping is assigned & proportions made of tents & Carriages &c^a^ : and if you do present him it Scarce will be less than 300 : or 400 : Pag^s^ : but wee have nothing to Send you propper. You must make it up as well as y° : can in broad-cloth &c^a^ : Such as y° : have or can gett, Arsuma Naigue must be also visited and presented for he much governs y^e^ : Camps motion.

Yours of 29th : brought us 5 of your gold fanams to be assayed & advise y^e^ : renting of grounds &c^a^ : by Eramrause att Chuck^r^ : 6500 : ℘ annum for two yeares. wee require no Security here of y^e^ : farmers but they pay monthly beforehand. which generally is y^e^ : better way & Eramrause was perswaded here to Introduce y^e^ : Same practice att Fort S^t^ : David. Wherein before y^e^ : rent was payable half yearly, but perhaps in y^e^ : farming of y^e^ : rents Some particular circumstance may require Security to prevent damage by their failure at Some certain time of y^e^ : year but then y^e^ : Security for both y^e^ : yeares need not be for more then y^e^ : Amount of one year & it is convenient to require more Security then is necessary to prevent Losse.

Herew^th^ : wee Send you 10800 : Silver fanams amo^ts^ : to pag^s^ : 300 : by 4 : peons.

Our Gen^ll^ : Lr̃e of 28 : past gives ord^rs^ : for your Sending y^e^ : Indigo to us as opportunity presents.

Send us y^e^ : following things for y^e^ : use of y^e^ : garrison as opportunity offers, Viz^t^ : 300 : or 400 : handspikes.
100000 : Sticks firewood
100 : bundles Charcole :

30 : or 40 : Stones for Staires of 1 foot broad whereof 2 of 9 foot long, 2 of 8 foot long, & 2 : of 7 foot long y^e : rest 6 : foot long. Wee are

Yo^r : Affect^e : friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^M : FRASER.

FORT S^T : GEORGE JULY Y^E : 16TH : 1694.

TO MEERZA MAHAYDE BUXE
& WACCANEVES.

I enjoy good health & hope to hear y^e : Same from you I received your Letter with y^e : Nabobs Parwanna for y^e : Confirmation of y^e : Comp^as : 3 towns & for your trouble in this business I have According to promise & your desire paid to Emaim Beague one thousand rupees & have taken his receipt for y^e : Same. I herewith Send you a Copy of my Letter to y^e : Nabob pray procure me an Answer According to my desire therein I hope y^o : will not be wanting att any time to assist us in any of our affairs y^t : Shall offer, I hope you will often Acquaint me of your good health. No : 75.

NATH : HIGGINSON.

TO NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWN. JULY Y^E : 16TH : 1694.

The Perwanna w^ch : yor : Excell^cy : Sent me for the Confirming those towns which your father the Grand Vizier granted to y^e : Honble : Comp^a : I rec^d : with Honour. I have Accordingly taken those towns into my possession lately you wrote me a parwanna about y^e : Cure of Selyman Cawn & have According to your desire procured him a good Doctor by whom he finds himself Something better. I am att all times ready & willing to Serve y^e : King & his Subjects & Serv^ts : Since Allumgeer has conquer'd these parts wee have & do Still continue to give y^e : Kings Serv^ts : protection in these Moratta troubles. Our people has never wronged nor injured any Subjects of his Majesty, but they on y^e : Contrary have injured us, which I patiently bare out of respect to your Ex^cy : & they have not to this very day been robbed or defrauded by any in our Towne nor is any of my Inhabitants So daring or Couragious as to robb or plunder any of y^e : Kings Soldiers or Serv^ts : Likewise Every Trooper has a Servt : or two under him & if his Servt : wrongs him of 5 Rup^s : imediately they mistake & Say y^e : Inhabitants has robbed him of a 100 Rup^s : now there is one of y^e : Kings Serv^ts : named Meer Mahomud who came here by Meerza Mossum & Sheake Abdulas meanes & lived in one of y^e : gardens & pitched his Tent & Cannatas round it there & for three days together our watching Peons were for Searching him before he came into towne which they did & found nothing nigh what he now pretends to have lost y^e : next morning he wrote me a note that the rogues had tore his tent to make their way into y^e : Tent where his Chest was & that he was robbed of his Jewells & goods to a great Amount & they belonged to y^e : Nabob. Upon this I Sent my Servants to inspect into y^e : business who were told by him that his Serv^ts : lay downe where y^e : Chest was & he on the other Side & his other Serv^ts : without round about y^e : Tent. This Seems to me to be a very Strange thing, May it please your Exc^y : if I refuse to lett them come into towne itt looks & is taken ill & when they are admitted into town I have the misfortune to have a false report raised on y^e : towne. Therefore I desire your Exc^y : will be pleased to take this into yor : Serious consideration & order y^e : King's Serv^ts : up to y^e : Camp where they may be usefull to yor : Exc^y : & not permitt them to lye idle here & for y^e : future y^t : y^o : will be pleased not to permitt any persons to repair here without your Dustick & hope your Exc^y : will grant us Such a Perwanna as to produce on Occasion then wee Shall be clear from trouble your Exc^y : being our Protector is the reason of my writing this. I hope y^o : will continually be mindfull of mee & y^e : place. No : 76.

NATH : HIGGINSON.

FORT ST : GEORGE JULY 16TH : 94.

TO WOTTAMA CHUND.

No : 77. I enjoy good health & hope to hear ye : Same from you. The Nabobs favourable Perwanna which you procured for ye : Confirmation of our 3 towns which was formerly granted to us freely by ye : Grand Visier Nabob Assid Cawn with your Letter I recd : in a good time. I returne you my thanks for your trouble I have now wrote a Letter to ye : Nabob & desire you will give ye : Nabob to understand ye : Contents of it. I hope yo : will gett mee an Answer According to my request pray often acquaint mee of your good health.

NATH : HIGGINSON.

TO HIS EXCY : SR : JOHN GAYER
GENERALL OF INDIA ATT SURRATT.

FORT ST : GEORGE JULY YE : 16TH : 1694.

May itt please Your Excellcy :

No : 78. Our last was dated 11th : & 22d : past copy whereof & ye : List of ye : Pacquett comes Inclosed with copy's of Issa Cooley's two Lres & of ye : Husballhookum for Bengall. Wee acknowledge ye : receipt of a Letter from your Excy : dat : 4 : Aprill last & our great omission in not taking notice of it in our last Genll : Lre being recd : on ye : 30th : Aprill by a Country Brigantine. Wee congratulate your Excy's : Arrivall in India & daily hope to hear of your Safe Arrivall att Bombay and Surratt & if during your Stay there yor : Excellcy : think it requisite that wee Send you the Copy's of our Consultations Accots : Cash or other Accots : it Shall be done.

The Dutch had lately given out a report yt : ye : Malays had Seized Yorke Fort & yt : ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Servts : were all gone to Batavia on a Dutch Ship. But it proves false a Country Ship ye : St : Cajetan, William Brooks Master, in his Returne from a trading voyage att Java &ca : call'd att Yorke Fort & departing from thence on ye : 6th : June & arrived here ye : 14th : Inst : which brought us a Lre dated ye : 2d : June 94 Signed only by Mr : Fleetwood Copy whereof comes inclosed wch : gives us no Accot : how affairs Stand there. By ye : Copy of our Genll : Lre to Yorke Fort ꝑ Shipp Royall James & Mary Sent yo : ye : 27th : March yor : Excy ; understands what orders wee then Sent for ye : displacing Mr : Fleetwood & appointing Mr : Wilson Govr : & Mr : Betts Second but there has hapned a double disappointment in ye : death of Mr : Wilson & [yr : on] Arrivall of Mr : Betts who was intended a provisionall Successour to Mr : Wilson till another could be Sent So that Mr : Fleetwood remains till ye : Arrivall of Mr : Betts possessed of ye : Garrison & ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : estate there after he has notice of his being displaced & itt does appear by ye : Lres from ye : Severall Rajahs (the translate whereof is inclosed). That he has entred into a Combination with them of a dangerous Consequence. If they persist in their [declared] resolution of leaving ye : place if he be removed Capt : Buck is greatly blameable that he has not given us one word of advise otherwise than in one private Lre. Att present wee know not what to resolve wee have no fitting person to Send Govr : nor have wee a Vessel nor is there any Mexico Dollrs : procurable besides 'tis our opinion yt : an Europe Ship or two with good force & appearance is necessary but if ye : Europe Ship do not arrive time enough to go in October wee have no expedience but to Send ye : Hawk from Bengall : to be dispatch't from thence in ye : latter end of August or ye : beginning of September. If they can So Soon lade on board her 2000 : baggs of Saltpetre & a

few bales of cotton yearne & Some provision for y^e: West coast & upon her arrivall here to proceed thither & be dispatched from thence for Europe, if pepper procurable if not to returne hither or to Beng^{ll}: for compleating her tunnage. This resolution would be attended with too many uncertainty's to depend on because y^e: Season of y^e: Monsoon do's not favour & y^e: Ship's Charterparty time will expire too Soon Viz^t: 20th: Janr^y: next, If wee order y^e: Hawke to proceed directly from Beng^{ll}: to Yorke Fort there is no body to proceed upon her, nor can wee tell what orders to Send, nor will y^e: Monsoon permitt her timely returne to Bengall. However wee have resolved by y^e: first opportunity to Send our orders to y^e: Agent &c^a: for y^e: Hawks being dispatched thither So Soon as y^e: Season will permitt & So Soon as they can lade aboard her 2 or 3,000 baggs of Saltpetre & Cotton Yearne &c^a: Courser goods leaving room for So much pepper as they Shall receive Advice by y^e: Royall James & Mary to be procurable & to proceed from thence to England but if there Shall happen a disappointm^t: in her Lading that She call here to fill up. Her Lading att Yorke Fort will be y^e: better Secured If the Agent &c^a: of Bengall can Send a Chest or two of Dollars for fear they Should be out of Cash, & y^t: will be y^e: best Season of y^e: year for buying Pepper. The reasons of this resolution are, first Wee order'd the Govr: & Councill of Yorke Fort in our last letters to send particular advice to Beng^{ll}: by y^e: Royall James & Mary what quantity of Pepper procurable after her dispatch by which advice y^e: Agent &c^a: will be directed whether to Send y^e: Shipp or no & tho' M^r: Fleetwood gives us no Acco^t: yet the Master of y^e: Country Ship which came lately from thence does affirme y^t: when he was there the Rajahs did engage to M^r: Fleetwood to procure a large quantity of pepper & by y^e: assurance of all other persons it Seemed probable that they would Comply & that they had then a Considerable quantity ready att [P]riamong tho' none in y^e: Goedowns att Yorke Fort having Spared all [they] had to private Ships to Supply themselves wth: money. 2dly: If She proceeds She will carry a Supply of Bengall provisions which wee have now no prospect of Sending otherwise. 3dly: By that meanes y^e: Hawk's lading will be procured at a cheap rate & there will be a better Stock left in Bengall for Compleating y^e: Royall James & Mary's large tunnage. 4th: The frequent appearance of Europe Shipping on y^e: Coast is of great Importance to y^e: Continuance of the Settlem^t:, wee have no advice of Ships to come out this year & therefore cannott be certain of their coming or if any come wee cannott tell but they may arrive here as late this year as they did the Last.

After all upon y^e: Supposition of the miscarriage of y^e: Madapollum. Wee esteem it necessary to Send our orders directly thither as Soon as wee can with y^e: most fitting person to See them executed, but wee have no Ship or vessell of y^e: R^t: Honble: Comp^{as}: The Pearle is not yet returned from Tonqueen, y^e: Madapollum wee cannott yet expect from y^e: West coast So Soon as wee order'd & y^e: Brigantine is with your Exc^y: & wee Suppose cannott come hither till Janr^y: or feb^{ry}: So that if wee Send wee must either hire or buy unless there Shall Suddainly happen an opportunity by Some Country Ship bound on a trading voyage to y^t: Coast & y^e: Coast of Java of which there is Some probable prospect & Shall gladly make use of it to Save y^e: charge of buying or hireing & therefore att present can give yor: Exc^y: no further Acco^t: of our Intended proceedings but thought it necessary to dispatch this advice without further delay.

If yor: Exc^y; Shall not find one to employ M^r: Brabourne on y^e: Coast of India, wee humbly propound it to yor: Consideration y^t: he may be appointed Govr: of Yorke Fort attaining [*sic*] him a fitter person for y^e: employ than any in the R^t: Honble: Comp^{as}: Service here.

Serjeant Read came to us by y^e: Country Brigantine & according to yor: Exc$^{y's}$: directions hath rec^d: his pay from y^e: time of y^e: Armenian Merchant's Arrivall.

Inclosed is a Copy of a paragraph of a Lett^r: from Capt: Buck to M^r: Dolben wherein wee observe he greatly commends M^r: Fleetwood and So do all y^e: rest of y^e: Masters of Ships whom he hath Constantly Served more Industriously

then ever he did ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: & therefore it is no wonder they give him their good word.

Inclosed is ye: Copy of our Consultation 16th: Inst: relating to ye: Lady Goldsborough whereunto wee pray yor: Excy's: answer. Wee are

Yor: Excy's: very humble Servants

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

P.S.— Among ye: late Comissary Genll's: papers wch: came from Bengll: are found 123, wch: relates to ye: affairs of ye: Presidency of Surratt, ye: list whereof comes inclosed & wee pray yor: Excelly's: orders concerning ye: disposall thereof.

N.H.
J.D.

Mr. Fraser refuse to Signe this Postscript because he sayes he has not been privy to ye: papers wch: came from Bengll: which is ye: first time I ever heard him mention any thing of them & he knows there was an exact list taken of them by a person appointed by my Lady Mr: Dolben & my selfe.

N.H.

LIST OF YE: PACQUETT TO HIS EXCY: YE: GENERALL ATT SURRATT YE: 20TH: JULY 1694.

1. Fort St: George Genll: Lre to his Excy: datd: July 14th: 94:
2. Copy of ditto to ditto dated 11th: & 25th: June 1694.
3. List of ye: Pacquett Sent ye: 22d: June 1694.
4. Copy of Issa Cooley's Lre to ye: Presidt:
5. Ditto of an Abstract of a Lre from Issa Cooley to Cojee Gregoree.
6. Translate of a Husbullhookum to ye: Nabob of Benll:
7. Copy of a Lre from Mr: Charles Fleetwood from Yorke Fort dat: 2d: June 1694.
8. Translate of the Rajah's of Bencoolen Lre to Fort St: George.
9. Copy of a Lre from Capt: Robert Buck to Mr: Dolben dated 28th: May 1694.
10. Ditto of a Consultation dated 16th: July 1694, relating to ye: Lady Goldsborough.
11. Ditto of a Genll: to his Excy: ye: Generall & Presidt: &ca: att Surratt dated 25 June 1694.
12. List of papers recd: & Sent to Surratt & other places under that Presidency by ye: Late Commissary Generall.
13. Copy of a Husbullhookum in Persia.
14. List of ye: Pacquett.

FORT ST: GEORGE JULY YE: 23D: 1694.

TO YE: RT: WORPLL: CHARLES EYRES ESQR:
AGENT &CA: COUNLL: ATT BENG:

No: 79 Our last was ye: 19th: June past ℔ Ship Unity Capt: Willm: How Comdr: which brought you the Kings Husbullhookum for taking off ye: Stop on trade, Since which wee have recd: yors: of ye: 1st: May referring us to further advice.

Wee order'd ye: Govr: & Councill of Yorke Fort to advise yo: by ye: Royall James & Mary what Pepper they Shall have prospect of procuring after her dispatch to you And if they give Such an Account that you can rationally depend on a Considerable quantity in due time dispatch ye: Hawke thither with two or

three thousand bags of Saltpetre & as many bales of Cotton yearne Gurras &ca: Courser goods as to leave roome for So much pepper as they Shall advise yo: to be procurable which vacancy lett be filled up with rice butter Oyle Arrack to be delivered att Yorke Fort & when ye: Ship is laden with pepper to proceed for England, but if there Shall happen a disappointment in her Lading att ye: West-coast So as to occasion her returne here & fill up. The Sooner yo: can dispatch her from Bengall ye: more time She will have at ye: West coast for Accomplishing her lading & for ye: Same reason it is necessary that yo: Send two or three Chests of Dollars (for fear of their being out of Cash att Yorke Fort) to enable them the better to buy if occasion require for which that is ye: best Season of ye: year otherwise She may be disappointed of her Lading therefore if you have no Dollars you may buy them tho' you borrow the money (but remember to Send none but Mexico or Sivill Dollars) & you may well afford to disburse the money for by this meanes you acquitt your selves of that Ship's Tunnage, att an easy rate & yor: Stock will remaine So much ye: larger for compleating ye: tunnage of ye: Royall James & Mary.

Wee referr it to yo: to Send ye: necessary advices to Yorke Fort & Send them ye: Ships charterparty & put them in mind of ye: Comdr's: obligation to assist them with a certain number of men by Sea or Land & yt: ye: Ship's Charterparty time do's expire on ye: 20th: January. Direct yor: Lres to ye: Govr: & Counll: of York Fort for affairs of ye: Rt: Honble: English East India Compa:

Forgett not to Send us a Supply of packing Stuff. Wee are

Yor: Affecte: ffriends

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

Fort St: George July the 23rd: 1694.

To Yr: WORPLL: WILLM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: &CA: COUNLL: ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

Wee have recd: yors: of 12th: Inst: wth: Severall Inclosed papers as ℘ List. No: 80.

You advise yt: 530 Weavers are come into yor: bounds & propound as a probable means of keeping them to abate ye: Loome rents Amots: to Page: 11: 1: 2 ℘ month. The [keeping] of a great number of Weavers would be a vast advantage to ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: business & would be incouraged by all propper meanes & if there were no other way to effect it wee think it would be more for the Rt: Honble: Compas: Interest to forgive than to receive that Small Sum. But our Masters are So very Strict in ye: point of revenues yt: if any other way could be found out to excuse ye: abatemt: of ye: revenues it would be much more Eligible or att least Some bargain made with them that may appear to be So advantageous. Cause an Accot: to be taken of ye: Number of each Sort of Weavers. Vizt: Longcloth Weavers Beteelas Weavers &ca: & Send for their Heads & propound to them ye: Constant imploying them throughout ye: whole year for ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: & to take off all ye: cloth they weave att a certain price by Muster which if they will be obliged to they may receive an Incouragemt: in ye: price which may be afforded more than they used to receive in ye: Country. It is probable your merchants would obstruct Such a designe unless they can be engaged by their owne Interest to promote it by allowing them a Comission for gathering in ye: Cloth which it may be they can do better than yor: owne Servants.

This matter deserves good Consideration lett us have your further opinions as Soon as you have discoursed ye: heads, but if yo: find a present necessity to Secure the Weavers either from their returning to their former habitations or being decoyed to Pullicherry, Wee leave itt to yo: to give them such Incouragemt:

as you Shall find most effectuall without staying for our further direction being apprehensive it is a matter of great Importance y^t: they may be continued within yor: bounds.

The Commander of y^e: Portugeze Ship has not yet made any demand of y^e: money y^o: mention to have been deposited with you.

The Ship which you have heard was at Batavia is a Permission Ship whereof M^r: Gough is Supra Cargoe bound for China.

Wee can by no meanes yeild y^e: point to y^e: Bishop of S^t: Thoma that he Shall have Authority to Impose his Vicars att Cuddulore & therefore wee do positively order that Padre Paulo de Soa do within 24 hours after receipt hereof depart your bounds. If he be not gone before. He has had too much time already given him to do mischief & [as] event proves it, better y^t: he had been Sent away Sooner & tho' [Senr:] John Ferreira or other Portugeze Inhabitants Merchants would be encouraged to Stay yet wee must rather part with y^e: whole nation then adjust Such a foreign Authority of So dangerous Consequence & therefore tho' M^r: Haynes has never So much reason to think (against y^e: opinion of y^e: rest of y^e: Councill) that Padre Paulo de Soa do's behave himself [inoffensively] yet he being y^e: ℘son that the Bishop of S^t: Thoma has pitched upon & dos mind upon his Continuation Wee therefore think it necessary that he be not permitted to reside longer among you That y^e: Bishop may understand wee will not allow of his pretended Authority.

By Mockdum Nina's Sloop Some things are Sent you which you wrote for whereof Invoice & bill of Lading is Inclosed. The Sloop could not take in y^e: rest.

Inclosed is an Acco^t: of Sever^ll: Entry's relating to y^e: ratifying of yor: Acco^t: Curr^t:. Wee are

Yo^r: Affect^e: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^M: FRASER.

To Y^E: WORP^LL: WILL^M: HATSELL ESQ^R:
DEP^TY: GOVERNOUR &C^A: COUN^LL: ATT FORT S^T: DAVID.

N^o: 81. This Serves only to Inclose Invoice & bill of Lading for Seven bales of gunny's laden on board Sloop S^t: Antonio Parrera mas^r: Amo^t: to P^a: 117: Wee are

Yo^r: affect^e: Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^M: FRASER.

Fort S^t: George
July y^e: 23^d: 1694.

FORT ST. GEORGE 2^D: AUGS^T: 94:

To M^R: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &C^A: COUN^LL: ATT VIZAG^M:

Our last was 4th: & 18th: June Wee have rec^d: yor^s: of 7th: past ℘ Peons
N^o: 82 with Consultations & yor: gen^ll: books ending Apr^ll: last for y^e: fort there is yet wanting a Copy thereof for England. Wee observe yor: Carefull diligence in Acco^ts: &c^a: & Shall accordingly represent y^e: Same to our R^t: Honble: Masters.

In your books you debt Acco^t: Currant Fort S^t: George 15 Pag^s: paid for y^e: returne of M^r: Thompson &c^a: hither who being Sent to you for y^e: Service of yor: factory, that ought to bear y^e: Charge as well as freight & therefore y^o: must give us creditt for y^e: Same Sum in yor: next books & will be So charged in ours.

In y^{e}: Journall following 38 Cash is D^{r}: to Profitt & Loss gaind by exchange of Rupees Pag^{s}: 525 : 16 : 1 : but no particulars for y^{e}: future lett y^{e}: particulars be entred in y^{e}: Journall ℘ [ce]ll by which y^{e}: profitt on exchange do's arise which do's appear to be considerable & wee would now have Sent y^{o}: rup^{s}: but that they are dear.

Wee approve of yor: Sending y^{e}: Europe cloth on Ship Tankred to Bengall.

Wee take notice of M^{r}: Holcombes readiness to Serve y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: in Sendin[g] their bales upon his Ship hither tho' to his own prejudice to prevent which According to his desire wee have provided another Conveyance for them & have agreed with y^{e}: Owners of y^{e}: brigantine Eagle John Cockroffe Master to go on purpose to yor: port to carry treasure & bring back yor: bales. Wee therefore order you to lade as many as She can take in or you shall have ready att Such time as y^{e}: Master thinks most propper for gaining his passage hither to arrive within the month of September y^{e}: freight for y^{e}: bales is payable here. If y^{o}: Shall not have bales enough ready of white cloth to fill her You may Send as many browne as you can Send by her or other Conveyance except beteelas & if yor: cloth as you advise proves Soiled & not fitt to Send home unwashed wee will gett it washed here, being willing to Secure all y^{e}: bales wee can for y^{e}: Princess Ann of Denmark. Let Such browne Cloth as is unfitt for England be invoiced a—part from y^{e}: rest y^{t}: wee may Send home yor: Invoice of y^{e}: goods for Europe as it Comes.

As to y^{e}: false Informations y^{o}: Say wee have rec^{d}: from persons extreamly prejudist or Stupendently Ignorant it dos not become you to write in Such a Stile wee need not give y^{o}: any Answer to yor: Arguments relating to y^{e}: trade of Ganjam &c^{a}: but Shall referr it & all y^{e}: town rents to y^{e}: Generall of India & y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: to determine.

The Cheif intimates y^{t}: his Servt: was troubled by y^{e}: Govr: att Ganjam upon: Acco^{t}: of M^{r}: Cockroffe leaving y^{e}: place wth: out leave or adjusting Acco^{ts}: but M^{r}: Cockroffe tells us another Story which y^{o}: can best judge whether it be true or no & therefore wee Send y^{o}: the Copy of y^{e}: paper he delivered us.

By this brigantine we Send y^{o}: in treasure & Liquor P^{a}: 15048: 26 fa: &^{a}: as ℘ inclosed Invoice & bill of Lading, And Vizagapatam Peons & three Beaters. They are under obligation of Staying till December & then have liberty of returning hither In y^{e}: mean time they are to be imployed as yor: cheif beaters & if by that time yor: owne people are Sufficiently instructed you may returne y^{m}: to us or if they are Inclined to Stay you may keep them but you must reduce their pay to or near yor: owne rates wee having promised them that y^{o}: Shall pay them the following Wages. Viz^{t}: To Andeapa P^{a}: 1 : ^{7} ℘ month Muttoupa P^{a}: 1 : $\frac{5}{8}$ Trevangaram P^{a}: 1 : $\frac{5}{8}$ till their returne hither in December & wee have paid them a month's pay as is Charged in yor: Invoice.

Send us two hundred Leather Bucketts as soon as y^{o}: can gett them made.

M^{r}: Holcombe having Intimated that tho' his Indisposition formerly Impeded him from proceeding to y^{e}: West Coast yet that he Shall in a Short time be in a Capacity of Clearing himself from this Coast & is ready to Serve y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: when occasion Shall require in any imploym^{t}: Suitable to his Station wee thereby Suppose & hope he Shall be ready to proceed to York Fort as was formerly designed to Supravise & Settle the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: affairs in those parts and then to returne again to Vizagapatam & Shall depend upon his going unless he Shall declare to y^{e}: Contrary as Soon as the expected Europe Ships do arrive when it is our Intention to Send one att least to y^{e}: West Coast with y^{e}: necessary Supply's of men & money & it is requisite that Some able ℘son goe

Wee are

Yo^{r}: Affect^{e}: friends

Fort S^{t}: George
Augst: y^{e}: 2^{d}: 1694.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.

To Y^{R}: R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: CHARLES EYRES
AGENT &C^{OA}: COUN^{LL}: ATT BENGALL.

N°: 83. In ours of 23^{d}: past wee have ordered y^{e}: Hawk to proceed to y^{e}: West Coast according to y^{e}: advice you Shall receive from thence & y^{t}: you direct yor: Lr̃e to y^{e}: Govr: & Coun^{ll}: of York Fort on further thoughts wee judge it more Requisite that you direct yor: Lre & Consigne y^{e}: Ship to Francis Betts Govr: & Coun^{ll}: att York Fort he being appointed Govern^{r}: upon the death of M^{r}: Wilson in y^{e}: room of M^{r}: Cha: Fleetwood & order y^{e}: Comd^{r}: to Call in his way at [P]ryamong & there take y^{e}: advice of M^{r}: Charles Frith y^{e}: Cheif of that place & to deliver to him a thousand Doll^{rs}: or two if he Shall demand it upon a present necessity or prospect of buying pepper. Wee are a little doubtful of M^{r}: Fleetwood & know not what he may have done or will doe but y^{o}: will receive more ꝑticular advices by y^{e}: Royall James & Mary of y^{e}: Circumstances & post of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Affairs According to w^{ch}: give y^{e}: Command^{r}: Such orders as y^{o}: Shall judge necessary, & if y^{o}: find occasion for it; Send one of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Servants whom you think fittest & can Spare for y^{e}: Comd^{rs}: better direction & assistance.

As soon as wee are furnished wth: a Ship men & money Sufficient wee intend to Send a Supply to York Fort w^{ch}: wee hope may arrive there before y^{e}: Hawk can depart from thence. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Affect^{e}: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.

To Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: WILL^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}:
DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

N°: 84. Wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of 30th: past but referr y^{e}: answer to another time this being only to order M^{r}: Edm^{d}: Mountague to repair hitherwith all Expedition having ꝑsent occasion to Send him on a Voyage & in an imployment for the Special Service of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: therefore upon receipt hereof lett him forth^{wth}: make up his Paymasters Acco^{ts}: wherein lett him have all necessary assistance that he may be able to finish them in 24 hours and come away by Land unless there be a prospect of his coming Sooner by Sea, Let y^{e}: Paymasters business be put into y^{e}: hands of Such as you think fitt for the ꝑsent till wee Shall Send one from hence. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Affect^{e}: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.

Fort S^{t}: George
Augst: y^{e}: 6th: 1694.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE AUGST: Y^{E}: 6TH: 1694.

Tô SHEAK AHUMAD
GOV^{R}: OF BALLA PURRAM FORT.

N°: 85. I enjoy good health & hope to hear y^{e}: Same from you I rec^{d}: yor: Lr̃e & understand y^{e}: Contents thereof I have assisted yor: people & furnished them wth: what you was in want of, those Small things y^{o}: Sent me I have rec^{d}: I now Send you a pair of pistolls which I desire yor: Acceptance of, pray acquaint me what y^{o}: want in these parts.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

AUGST: YE: 6TH: 1694.

TO MEER MUSAFUR HOOSAN.

I recd: yor: Lre relating to Harre Daus & Lachme Daus, you acquaint me in it that you have recd: nabob Zulphaker Cawn's Perwanna to Accomodate their differences they with their owne free wills without any perswasion or force went to our Court there chose Arbitrators on each Side & afterwards their business was decided, after which Lachme Daus gave a receipt to Harre Daus for money recd: of him & Severall persons as witnesses Signed ye: Same Copy of which I herewith Send yo: attested by Hodge Alle Rura after you have perused it you will Soon understand ye: business. No: 86.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

FORT ST: GEORGE AUGST: YE: 7TH 1694.

TO HIS EXCY: MUSTAPHE COOLEY CAWN
SEERLASCAR OF YE: GINGERLEE COUNTRY.

I recd: yor: Excellency's kind Lre & invitations of resettling in Pettipolee Matchlepatam & Madapollam. The many instances you have given of yor: justice & friendship when any of my people have made their applications to yor: Excellency are Sufficient arguments & Confidence in yor: promises & I Shall thereupon by the first opportunity write to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: for their orders about Settling att Durampatt Pettipolee Matchlepatam & Madapollum & in ye: mean time Shall enlarge our Investments att Vizagapatam So far as yor: Excellency will please to encourage me by yor: favour & assistance to ye: Chief being assured yt: what money I Shall Send into your govermt: will be Safe. I thank yor: Excelency for your kind Perwanna for ye: del[iv]ering of ye: timbers which I have recd: from Madapollum. No: 87.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

FORT ST: GEORGE AUGST: YE: 8TH: 1694.

TO YE: WORPLL: WILLM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: &CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

There being a little business at Fort St: David & Some Occasion for Mr: Hatsell's repair hither wee order him with all Convenient Speed to come by Sea or land unless yo: find reason to apprehend any prejudice to ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: affairs by his Short absence which will be but a few days. If Mr: Hatsell comes lett him deliver the Charge of the Garrison & Cash to Mr: John Haynes during his absence. Wee are No: 88.

Yor: Affecte: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILLM: FRASER.

FORT ST: GEORGE AUGST: YE: 30TH: 1694.

TO YE: WORPLL: WM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVR: &CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

This Incloses bill of Lading & Invoice of Saltpetre & Sundry necessary's Sent you by boat Seraman gold Amots: to 102: Pags: No: 89.

In July last wee Sent you Some Gunny's by Sloop St: Antonio Lorentio which by mistake were Invoiced at 14 Pa: ℔ hundred. Inclosed is a true Invoice

of Ditto rated att 6 : Pa : Amounting to Pa : 55 : 9 : 5 : which lett be entred in yor : books instead of y^e : former. Wee are

Yo^r : Affect^e : friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN DOLBEN.
WILL^M : FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHA^{RS} : BARWELL.

FORT S^T : GEORGE SEPT^T : 15TH : 1694.

TO Y^E : WORP^{LL} : W^M : HATS^{W}LL ESQ^R :
DEPT^{TY} : GOV^R : &C^A : COUN^{LL} : ATT FORT S^T : DAVID.

N^o : 90. Our last was y^e : 30th : past wee have rec^d : none from you Since M^r : Hatsell left us. This Incloses Invoice & bill of Lading for Plankes Timbers &c^a. Laden on boat Gomar Amounting to 186 : 33 : Pag^s :

The R^t : Honble : Comp^a : having in their Gen^{ll} : Lr̃es last appointed y^e : Generall of India to fill up the Councill of Fort S^t : George & y^e : Generall's Com̃ission giving y^e : Presi^{dt} : power to Act in his absence & his Exc^y : S^r : Jno : Gayer now Generall of India having given Such direction. The Presi^{dt} : hath Chosen M^r : Jno : Styleman M^r : Thomas Wright & M^r : Charles Barwell into the Councill which is the reason of their Subscribing & M^r : Dolben is displaced from y^e : R^t : Honble : Comp^{as} : Service w^{ch} : is the reason that he doth not Subscribe.

Wee hope for a good Acco^t : of yo : progress in the Setling of y^e : Weavers being a matter of great Import & that y^o : will be able to procure one or two hundred Candy more of Indigo which will make Some amends for yor : present failure in Cloth. Wee expect Ships & a Stock & know not how Soon they will come & therefore must be in a readiness for making our Investm^t : in cloth So Soon as they arrive or So Soon as the Country is Settled.

Advise us y^e : proceedings of yor : neighbours y^e : Dutch att Pollicherry So far as you can gaine intelligence, Wee hear of a Ship arrived from Batavia to Negepatam upon Such Occasions lett us know what news you hear. Wee are

Yo^r : Affectionate friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL^M : FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHA : BARWELL.

P.S.—Upon receipt of y^e : accompanying Lr̃e to y^e : Govr : &c^a : of Tringombar forward it forthwith wth : yor : owne Peons it inclosing our Lr̃e to y^e : R^t : Honble : Comp^a ; to be Sent by y^e : Danes Ship. Idem.

FORT S^T : GEORGE SEPT^T : 15TH : 94.

TO Y^E : HON^{BLE} : CLAUS VOOGT
GOV^R : &C^A : COUNCILL FOR Y^E : ROYALL
DANISH COMP^A : ATT TRINGOMBARR.

Honble : S^r : &c^a :

N^o : 91. Wee Pray yor : Honr : &c^a : to favour us in giving the Accompanying Lr̃e directed to y^e : R^t : Honble : English East India Comp^a : in London a Conveyance by yor : Ship which wee hear is Suddainly to Saile for England & recomend the

Same to y^{e}: Royall Danish Comp^{a}: wherein you will oblige us to Serve you on the like or any other occasion when yor: Hon^{r}: &c^{a}: Shall think fitt to Command, being

Honble: S^{r}: &c^{a}: Yo^{r}: very affect: friends & ready Servants

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL.

Fort S^{t}: George
Sep^{t}: 18th: 1694.

To Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: WILL: HATSELL ESQ^{R}:
DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Upon receipt of y^{e}: accompanying Pacquett for the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: forward it wth: all expedition to y^{e}: Govr: &c^{a}: of Tringombar with yor: Lr̃e desiring them to give it Conveyance by their Ship now designed for Europe recomended to the Care of y^{e}: Royall Danish Comp^{a}: Wee are N^{o}: 92.

Yo^{r}: Affect^{e}: friends

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL^{M}: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHARLES BARWELL.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE SEP^{T}: 10TH: 94.

To BODUPAUTE MUNGARAUZ.

I rec^{d}: yor: Lr̃e & have observed the Contents thereof you may go on N^{o}: 93.
According to yor: Desire I have paid yor: Peon one Pagodo & a half take care to have all things well done according to Agreement.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE SEP^{T}: 21: 1694.

To Y^{E}: WORSHIPFULL W^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}:
DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Our last was dated y^{e}: 18th: Ins^{t}: wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of 13th: Ins^{t}: with M^{r}: N^{o}: 94.
Constable & M^{r}: Walton advising you had Sent one of the 3^{d}: Ins^{t}: by Mockdum Nino's Sloop with P^{a}: 652: 23^{fa}: 03^{ca}: of Indigo which is neither arrived nor heard of & is probable falne to y^{e}: Northward of y^{e}: Port. Send us Duplicate of Said Generall If it contained any business. If y^{e}: Vessell had miscarryed between this & Fort S^{t}: David it is probable wee Should have heard of it before now.

M^{r}: Constable is arrived but being Sick wee have yet had no discourse with him. Inclosed is y^{e}: Copy of his Acco^{ts}: repairs & wages of Ship Madapollum which you desire to be Sent, The Liquor you write for went by boat Gomar as advised in ours of y^{e}: 15th: Instant.

As for y^{e}: Conicoplys of y^{e}: Severall towns within yor: bounds it is to be observed as a rule never to give a Cowle to any ꝑson for y^{e}: employment to him & his heires for ever but to be always appointed by yor: Selves in Such manner as that you may Change him whenever you find occasion allowing either a certain

Sum yearly out of ye: revenues or a Certain proportion, The Conicoply's are Accountable to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: for ye: overplus & for ye: future ye: Said overplus may be farmed with ye: rest of ye: rents & ye: Conicoply's accountable to ye: renters. This is our opinion but if yo: find any Inconvenience in it give us your opinion.

On ye: 19: Inst: wee recd: a Genll: Lre from Vizagapatam dated 28: past & Inclose ye: Copy of a paragraph relating to a Ship which appeared att Ganjam 19: August Supposed to be a french man. They advise that ye: Sloop Eagle was taking in her full Lading of bales for this place, but Cittaram ye: Rajah who formerly Cutt off Vizagapatam factory hath Revolted & having plundred his owne country is gone with an Army against ye: Seerlascar att Chittacull wch: Stops ye: progress of their business till that trouble is over & their will be ye: more Occasion for yor: Considering of making an Iuvestment So Soon as you can.

Forward ye: Inclosed Lre to Govr: Pitt. Wee are

Your affectionate freinds

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLM: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

FORT ST: GEORGE, SEPT: 21: 1694.

TO YE: HONBLE: LAWRENCE PITT
OF YE: COUNCILL EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA
& GOVR: OF NEGAPATAM &CA: FOR YE: RT:
HONBLE: NETHERLAND EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Honble: Sr:

No: 95. Yesterday I recd: a Lre from our Chief at Vizagapatam dated 28: Augst: advising of a Ship appearing at Ganjam on ye: 19: Do: Supposing to be a frenchman which I thought it my duty to advise yor: Honr: of being our Common Enemy & that your Honour may understand all that I know of. I Inclose ye: Copy of a Paragraph of ye: Lre. I hear of no English Ships arrived from Europe & therefore can Send yor: Honr: no Europe news no more to adde but that I am

Honble: Sr:
Yor: Honrs: very affecte: friend
& humble: Servant

NATH: HIGGINSON.

TO YE: WORPLL: CHARLES EYRES ESQR:
AGENT &CA: COUNLL: FOR AFFAIRS OF YE:
RT: HONBLE: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA: IN BENGALL.

No: 96. The last wee recd: from yo: was dated ye: 1st: May wherein you referr to future advices which are not Come to hand. Our last was dated ye: 2d: August Copy whereof comes inclosed wth: Copy of our former dated 22d: July relating to Ship Hawk's proceeding to ye: West coast wch: wee Confirme not knowing any reason against it.

The Rt: Honble: Compa: having in their Genll: Lres last recd: Appointed ye: Genll: of India to fill up ye: Councill of fort St: George & the Generall's Comission giving ye: Presidt: power to act in his absence & his Excy: Sr: Jno: Gayer now Generall of India having given Such directions to ye: Presidt: ye: Presidt: hath Chosen Mr: John Styleman Mr: Thomas Wright & Mr: Charles Barwell into ye: Councill which is ye: reason of their Subscribing & Mr: Dolben is dismissed ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Service which is ye: reason that he doth not Subscribe.

Wee are advised from Vizagapatam that they have Sent you redwood & broad Cloth on Ship Tankred Amo^{t}: to Pag^{es}: [. . .] for w^{ch}: give us creditt according to y^{e}: Inclosed Invoice.

On y^{e}: 6: past wee rec^{d}: a Lr̃e from his Exc^{y}: S^{r}: John Gayer Generall of India dat̃: 12: June advising his Arrivall att Bombay on 17th: May with Ships Defence & Resolution. Presid^{t}: Harris dyed y^{e}: 10th: May & M^{r}: Annesly Succeeded Presid^{t}: The Henry is gone as Supposed to Muscatt & have left behind her 3,00,000 Rup^{s}: Seized by the Kings order & officers & y^{t}: all will be Confiscated That y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Charter is Confirmed by the King & their Stock doubled (which is also Confirmed by Gazetts rec^{d}: from Persia dat̃: in Nov^{r}: Last which give unquestionable Acco^{t}: of y^{e}: Steps by which twas done) that y^{e}: Resolution & Defence will be dispatched full Ships in December. It is y^{e}: Generall's opinion that the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: will Send out a Considerable Stock this year & y^{t}: wee ought to be in a readiness to receive & employ it.

Wee hear nothing yet of any English Ship arrived y^{e}: Cheif &c^{a}: of Vizagapatam by their Generall Lr̃e dat: 28: Augst: advise us of a Ship Seen at Ganjam y^{e}: 19: D^{o}: Supposed to be a french man. Wee Send you y^{e}: Copy of the paragragh of y^{e}: Lr̃e which y^{o}: may Communicate to y^{e}: Dutch & is all wee know, but have ordered them to give you a further Acco^{t}: by this Conveyance tho' doubt not but you will have the news before. If it were a french Ship & Governe yor: Selves Accordingly in y^{e}: dispatch of Ships either single or in a fleet wherein you may Consult with the Dutch.

Upon y^{e}: Supposition you would According to yor: former advices dispatch y^{e}: Princess to us in August or Sep^{t}: wee ordered a vessell to Vizagapatam to bring their bales hither, because y^{e}: ordering of y^{e}: Princess to touch there at that time of the year would have hazarded her passage & wee are advised of the said vessell & that they were Ready to dispatch her with 350: bales but if you Shall not have dispatched the Princess to us before y^{e}: change of y^{e}: Monsoon give the Commander orders to call at Vizagapatam & take in what bales or goods they Shall have in readiness & give the like order to any other of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Ships If y^{o}: Shall have occasion to Send any hither in the time of y^{e}: Northerly Monsoon. The rather because they advise us that the neighbouring Rajah (The Same who formerly cutt off that factory) his revolting from the Seerlascar & gathering an army to joyn with Sumberdu, and if there Should follow any trouble or danger to y^{e}: factory an Europe Ship may be Serviceable on Such an Occasion, Wee have ordered M^{r}: Holcombe &c^{a}: to advise you if they apprehend any trouble & in that Case if none of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Ships Shall Come this way you may order the private Ships bound for this port in y^{e}: Northerly Monsoon to touch there because if there be never So great Occasion wee can Send none from hence. Rice is now very dear & Scarce on all y^{e}: Coast of Coromandell tho' God be thanked much Cheaper here than in the neighbouring parts but if wee have not rain Suddainly there must ensue a great Scarcity if not a famine. Therefore take all opportunity to Supply us with rice; & encourage private traders therein.

Send a Lr̃e to Surratt time enough for y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: to be Sent by their Ships in December give them the necessary advices Copy's of which & all other Lr̃es may probably go from hence in Feb^{ry}: or March by the Armenian Merch^{t}: Wee are

Yo^{r}: very affect^{e}: friends

Nath: Higginson.
Willm: Fraser.
John Styleman.
Thos: Wright.
Cha: Barwell.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE SEP^{T} : Y^{E} : 21ST : 1694.

TO M^{R} : SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &C^{A} : COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

N^{o}: 97. Wee have rec^{d} : yo^{rs} : of 22^{d} : & 28th : past advising yor: receipt of what Sent you by Brigantine Eagle & your readiness to dispatch her wth : a full Lading of bales.

When M^{r}: Cockroffe Comes if he cannot give a Satisfactory answer to what y^{o}: alledge against his carriage att Ganjam when there Wee Shall forbid him going any more to those parts & all others whom we have reason to Suspect will [not] behave themselves as they Should doe or whom you complain against.

Wee Observe M^{r}: Holcombes Plea for not proceeding to y^{e}: west coast & Shall not argue any further upon the matter.

Wee approve yor: Contract for a 10,000 : Pag^{s}: deliverable in December next & if y^{e}: troubles of y^{e}: Country do permitt, Should be very glad if yor: Merch^{ts} : could bring in 10,000 more by that time tho' wee cannot Send y^{o} : more money during y^{e} : Northerly Monsoon by Sea yet if there be a necessity for it wee will Send you 5 or 10,000 in Novem^{r} : or December after the rains are abated.

Yo^{r}: additionall Lr̃e of 28 : August gives an Acco^{t} : of y^{e} : revolt of Citteram & y^{e}: method you have taken for Securing y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : estate & yor : Selves from y^{e} : ill effects of those troubles to which wee have nothing to add but to Comend yor : prudent foresight & to advise you that wee have ordered y^{e}: Agent &^{ca} : of Bengall y^{t} : if y^{e} : Princess Shall not be dispatched from thence before y^{e} : Change of y^{e} : Monsoon That She call att Vizagapatam to take in y^{e} : remaines of yor : bales & may be otherwise Serviceable to you in case of trouble.

Forward y^{e} : accompanying pacquet to y^{e}: Agent &^{ca} : of Bengall wherein wee have Sent them a Copy of y^{e} ; Paragraph of yor : Letter Relating to y^{e}: appearance of a Ship at Ganjam Supposed to be a french man. Give them a further Acco^{t} : If you have heard any thing more, & of y^{e} : condition of y^{e} : factory if you apprehend any trouble or danger. Wee having ordered them in case no Ships of y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : call at yor : factory they may procure Some of y^{e} : private Ships bound for this place to touch there, if you Shall advise them that there will be occasion for it.

Wee rec^{d} : y^{e}: Invoice & bill of Lading of Ship Tankred to Bengall Amo^{t} : to Pagodo's 1,251 : 21 : 02 : which Shall give y^{o} : Creditt.

The R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : having in their Gen^{ll} : Lr̃e last rec^{d} : appointed y^{e} : Generall of India to fill up the Councill of Fort S^{t} : George & y^{e} : Gen^{lls} : Comission giving the Presid^{t} : power to Act in his absence & his Exc^{y} : S^{r} : John Gayer now Generall having given Such directions y^{e} : Presid^{t} : hath Chosen M^{r} : Jno : Styleman M^{r} : Thomas Wright & M^{r} : Charles Barwell into y^{e} : Councill which is the reason of their Subscribing & M^{r} : Dolben is dismissed from y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Service which is the reason that he doth not Subscribe. Wee are

Yo^{r} : Affect^{e} : friends

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL^{M} : FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{S} : WRIGHT.
CHA : BARWELL.

Fort S^{t} : George
Sep^{t} : ye 25th 1694.

TO Y^{E} : WORP^{LL} : W^{M} : HATSELL ESQ^{R} :
DEP^{TY} : GOV^{R} : &C^{A} : COUN^{LL} : ATT FORT S^{T} : DAVID.

N^{o}: 98. Wee have rec^{d} : yo^{rs} : of y^{e} : 19th : Ins^{t} : & are very Sensible that the fear of a famine may make both yor : Weavers & Merchan^{ts} : backward in Contracting for an Investment & therefore if you Can bargain with yor : Weavers for the price of

Cloth tho' it is necessary to insist in yor: bargain a quantity to be yearly furnished with, yet you may allow them to make a provision for ye: failure of ye: quantity if occasioned by warr or famine.

Wee are of yor: opinion yt: it is best yt: Some be responsible for ye: money delivered & think yt; ye: heads of ye: Weavers are most propper & they may be allowed a Consideration for it either by ye: Weavers out of the price or by yor: Selves above ye: price & yt: will be the most effectuall way to fix ye: whole Cast in the Rt: Honble: Compas: Service but if the heads of the weavers will not undertake it is probable ys: Merchts: will but if neither of them will, yo: may Employ Conicoply's & Peons to deliver ye: money & receive ye: Cloth from particular weavers rather than lose the opportunity.

Wee have Sent Peons with money as far as Ramapatam to enquire after & assist Mochdum Nino's Sloop on which yo : advise us yo : have laden Indigoe.

Wee Shall by ye: first opportunity Send yo: broad-cloth, but dare not venture at this uncertain time of ye: year by open boats & Shall Suddainly Send yo: assistances.

If Padre Gulielmus leaves Cuddulore it would not be Convenient to admitt Padre Paulo De Soa but wee must wait till opportunity offers for getting another.

The news of Zulphaker Cawn's Seizing & Cutting off Arsa Manaigue is Confirm'd & his Jager in these parts is given to Gousber Cawn. Wee are

Yor: affecte: friends:

Nath: Higginson.
Wm: Fraser.
John Styleman.
Thos: Wright.
Chas: Barwell.

P.S.—Herewth: is ye: Copy of Mr: Constables Accot: of disbursemts: on Ship Madapollum Vizt: ye: Same which wee recd: from you and have kept a Copy of it here.

N : H :

To Senhor Thos: De Mayo
Capt: Moor of Milepore.

Whereas wee [are] credibly informed yt: Thos: Gutteridge Subject to their No: 99.
Majestys the King & Queen of great Brittain &ca: Servt: to ye: Rt: Honble: English East India Compa: who lately ran from this garrison and hath Sheltered himself under yor: protection & yt: he is Actually in yor: possession & Custody. Wee do hereby in the name of their Said Majestyes & ye: Said Compa: desire & demand yt: upon receipt hereof yo :deliver or Cause to be delivered the Said Thomas Gutteridge into ye: Custody of yo: bearer hereof.

That he may be brought to us & if yo: Shall refuse to Comply with this our reasonable demand & Shall Continue to detain & protect or ꝑmitt to escape ye: Said Thos: Gutteridge wee do declare wee Shall esteem yo: & all others yor: [a] betters as violaters of ye: Common Rights of friendship which hath been So long Maintained between us & answerable for all damages yt: may upon Such yor: refusall & Sue to any person whatsoever & do assure you plainly yt: if you doe not give us Satisfaction herein wee Shall think our Selves obliged to take Such methods as wee Shall judge most effectuall for a remedy So hoping yor: Compliance wth: the premisses will prevent any further Resentments & preserve ye: desired friendship, Wee remaine

Yor: Ready friends & Servts:

Nath: Higginson.
Willm: Fraser.
John Styleman.
Thos: Wright.
Cha: Barwell.

Fort St: George
Sept: 24th: 94.

To Sen^{R}: Thomas De Mayo
Capt^{T}: More of S^{T}: Thomas.

No: 100. Wee rec^{d}: yor: two answers to our Letter yesterday. The first doth assert yor: right to protect y^{e}: Runaway Thos: Gutteridge. The Second Intimates that by yor: entreaty he would Returne upon our giving him Security that wee will do him no harme which wee esteem a Second denyall & y^{e}: greater afront because you hereby take upon you to defend him in Capitulating with us after Such a manner, wee have rec^{d}: many injuries of this nature from y^{e}: Gentlemen of St: Thoma & [Perceive] that our patience hath encouraged you to proceed in repeating them. Wee therefore do a Second time in y^{e}: name of their majestys y^{e}: King & Queen of England & y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: English East India Comp^{a}: demand that y^{e}: Said Thomas Gutteridge being a Subject of their Said Majestyes & Servt: to y^{e}: Said Comp^{a}: be delivered forthwith to y^{e}: bearer hereof Richard Ware So that he may be brought to us, & do again declare you answerable for all damages that may ensue to any ꝑson whatsoever by reason of your Refuseall, wee desire to remaine while you will permitt us,

Yo^{r}: Ready friends & Serv^{ts}:
Nath: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.
John Styleman.
Thos: Wright.
Chas: Barwell.

Fort S^{t}: George
Sep^{t}: y^{e}: 27th: 1694.

Fort S^{T}: George Sep^{T}: 28: 1694.

To y^{e}: Worp^{LL}: John Brabourne
Commodore &c^{a}: Coun^{LL}: Att Brinjoan.

No: 101. Wee rec^{d}: yor: Letter dat: y^{e}: 14th: Aprill last by Ship Unity & another by Ketch Mochdum with Invoice & bill of Lading for 60; & ½: Candy of pepper w^{ch}: held out good weight & Since yor: Lr̃e dat^{t}: y^{e}: 5th: of August which gives a very particular Acco^{t}: of yor: proceedings Copys whereof will be remitted to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: by our next Conveyance which will be Suddainly & wee are now Sending y^{e}: Copy of y^{e}: Last to his Exc^{y}: S^{r}: John Gayer from whom you must expect yor: orders it being not propper for us to give any further directions only desire when you have an opportunity to advise us of y^{e}: Issue & Should be very glad to understand y^{t}: you have brought yor: treaty to a Satisfactory Conclusion.

Serjeant Barker do deny to have rec^{d}: Thomas Floyds Chest of Clothes & upon enquiry cannott hear of any left behind him.

Wee Send you inclosed a list of those Soldiers to whom wee have paid part of their wages to their wives who must in their absence have a maintainance monthly and must be deducted by you from their husbands wages Some of the married men will in time desire to returne to their familys & wee think it Convenient y^{t}: it may be permitted after two or three yeares Service for if they are forcibly detained there it will discourage others from going upon any other expedition esteeming themselves banished for their lives.

Since you do not Send y^{e}: Brigantine to us wee Shall Send Acco^{t}: of their Cost & charges to Surratt & transmitt y^{e}: Am^{t}: to y^{e}: acco^{t}: of that Presidency. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Loving friends:
Nath: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.
John Styleman.
Tho: Wright.
Chas: Barwell.

To Ye : Honble : Samuell Annesley
Presidt : Att Surratt.

Wee recd : yor : genll : Lettr : dated 24th : June with his Excy's : Pacquett by No : 102.
our returned Peons with a paper of Europe news whereby wee gladly understand ye : Bengll : [*sic*] of ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Charter which was also Confirmed to us by news Letters Sent by Mr : Gladman wch : are not remitted to his Excy : Wee Congratulate yor : Accession to ye : Presidency of Surratt whereof his Excy : was pleased to advise us.

Wee know of no Effects here belonging to ye : Late Presidt : Harris. Mr : Fraser long time Sent him a Letter of Attorney for receiving rups : [. . .] due from the late Generall Child to Mr : John Gray deced : with orders to pay ye : Same into ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Cash that Mr : Gray's debt to ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : might be cleared. Wee desire yor : Honr : will please to enquire wtt : is done therein and advise us.

Yor : Bill of Pa : 3,428⅔ : for Rups : 12000 paid into ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Cash att Surratt by yor : Self & Mr : Coll [Cole ?] & Stanley has been presented by ye : Presidt : but ye : truth is wee were not in a Capacity of paying that bill without borrowing att Interest & ye : Presidt : having mett with an opportunity for answering yor : Occasions otherwise wee here return ye : Same Sum of 12000 Rups : on yor : Presidency & to make our Accots : averd with yors : Shall debt & Creditt Accot : Currt : for ye : Same.

Wee have certain advices from Vizagapatam of a Ship which appeared at Ganjam on ye : 19 : August under Dutch & English Colours Supposed to be either a frenchman or a Piratt having chased a Country English Ship aShoar there Since which is uncertain rumour of 3 or 4 French Ships att Negrais wch : wee give no creditt to. Wee have yet had no other advice of any Europe Ship. Please to remitt to Bengll ye : Accot : of ye : Cotton Sent by ye : two Bowyers & their cost &ca : Wee are

Yor : Honrs : very affecte : friends & Servts :

N : H.
W : F.
T : W.
C : B.

Fort St : George
Sept : 28 : 1694.

Fort St : George
Sept : ye : 28th : 1694.

To His Excy : Sr : John Gayer
Generall of India for the Rt : Honble :
English East India Company att Bombay.

May it please yor : Excy :

Our last was dated 16th : July Copy whereof comes Inclosed. On ye : 6 : No : 103.
past wee recd : one dat : 12th : June Signed by yor : Excy : & Mr : Wildon in answer to ours of 16 : Febry : advising yor : Excy's : Safe arrivall att Bombay with ye : Defence & Resolution ye : good prospect of dispatching them full laden in Decemr : the Confirmation of ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Charter & ye : healthfullness of Bombay Island for which good news God be thanked. Wee take notice of yor : Excy's : order for being in a readiness to receive ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Commands by ye : next Ships & have written accordingly to Bengall & Fort St : David : Wee yet hear of no Ship arrived from Europe in any part of India only wee are advised from Vizagapatam yt : on ye : 19th : Augst : a large Ship appeared before Ganjam under Dutch Colours & afterwards put out English Colours & Sent a boat towards a Small Country English Ship lying there at anchor who Cutt & got over ye : barr but was after cast aShore & lost. The boat returned to ye : Ship & ye : Ship Stood away to ye : Northwd : but next morning (yt : or another) appeared at anchor to ye : Southward & Sailed away to ye : Northward Since wch : our Portugeze neighbours give out a report that there are 3 or 4 french Ships who at Sea meeting with Intelligence yt : Pollicherry was taken are gone to Negra[is], but how ye : news came or could come is not understood nor beleived.

Yor: Excy: Informing us that Mr: Annesly Succeeds Presidt: of Surratt wee now write him accordingly.

The last Lrẽ wee have recd: from Bengll: was dated ye: 1: May only informing that they had Contracted with Muttradas for 15000 Rups: & were Contracting with other Merchts: for ye: remaining Stock. That the Hawke arrived there 21: Aprill & referr us to future advices which wee hoped to have recd: by Country Shipping which were ready there to take ye: first opportunity of winds, but Contrary to ye: common course of other yeares, wee have yet had no northerly winds till this day & ye: Current Setting Constantly to ye: Northwd: So yt: wee expect not to Send yor: Excy: their advices by this Cossett, Mr: Eyres is Settled Agent without any opposition.

Our last Lrẽ from Vizagapatam dat: ye: 28th: past adviseth yt: Citteram a neighbouring Rajah (who formerly cutt off yt: factory) is joyned with 5 or 6000 to Sumberda in a revolt against ye: Syllascar upon wch: occasion they have put ye: factory into ye: best posture of defence & drawn back ye: money they had deliver'd to the Merchants. Wee daily expect further advice by a Brigantine Sent thither for their bales which they were then lading aboard, having in readiness about 350; & wee depend on them for a further Supply for Janry: but if Citteram prevailes against ye: Seerlascar there will be no further Investmt: there till ye: trouble is over and if it Continues wee begin to fear wee Shall not be able to perform much on ye: Coast for ye: next Shipping. For besides the desolation which yearly encrease upon these parts of the Country by ye: long Continued warr between ye: Moors & Moratto's (whose army lye all wast whereever they goe) there is great apprehension of a Scarcity if not a famine for want of rain in it's due Season having had none yet. Paddy formerly before ye: famine was near 100 Mercall for a Pagodo. This year it has not been cheaper here then 22 & is now at 14: & would presently be as dear again, did wee not take care to govern ye: Sale & price for ye: equall Supply of ye: Inhabitants. The Country round us are already reduced to Such want, That great numbers daily flock hither for Provisions. This great difference in ye: price of Paddy ye: universall food must make a difference in ye: plenty & price of manufactures, & will make cloth Scarce & dear & Cause ye: Merchts: to avoid Contracts So yt: if ye: Scarcity do's Increase wee Shall be forced to buy up Such Cloth as can be gott of all Sorts for wee Shall not be able to make any Considerable provision by Contract on ye: Coast, or else must remitt our Stock when it Comes to Bengall.

Wee write this not by way of Complaint or to magnifye our difficulty's &ca: but because ys: Concerns ye: dispatch of next year's business & wee ought to acquaint yor: Excy: with our thoughts that wee may receive yor: directions So far as you think fitt to give them.

On ye: 18: Inst: wee recd: a Lrẽ from Mr: Brabourne & Acworth dat: 5: Augst: advising a Contract made wth: ye: Queen of Attinga for a fortification at Anjengo & for all ye: Peppr: on her Countrey. The Copy of which Comes herewth: not knowing whether ye: Season of ye: year will give them an opportunity of Sending their advices to yor: Excy: So Soon together with ye: Copy of our answer thereunto.

Wee have heard nothing from Tonqueen of ye: Ship Pearle Since her departure from Acheen outward.

Wee Send yor: Excy: a Duplicate of our Genll: Lrẽ to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: dat: 15th: Sept: 94. Sent by ye: Danes Ship recomended by the Govr: &ca: of Tringombarr to ye: Royall Danes Compa: for Conveyance & pray yor: Excy: to Send ye: Same by yor: next Ships before whose departure it's probable wee may Send another if ye: Princess Shall arrive timely wth: us from Benll:

Yor: Excy: having given us yor: opinion yt: ye: Presidt: is by ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Cōmission impowerd to act on this Side India as much as Sr: Jno: Goldsborough could doe were he alive & in yor: Lrẽ to ye: Presidt: particularly directed him to fill up ye: Councill of Fort St: George which was necessary to be done because our number So very few & ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: having given their orders 'tis probable they do expect us to understand ye: Issue

thereof before they will make a farther provision therefore ye: Presidt: hath Chosen Mr: John Styleman Mr: Thomas Wright and Mr: Charles Barwell into ye: Counll: concerning which wee Send yor: Excy: ye: Copy of our Consultations wherein Some of the Gentlemen then of ye: Councill having made Some objections or Scruples Yor: Excy: will find ye: matter reformed to yor: Censure.

In our last it is noted yt: Mr: Dolben had promised to deliver ye: State of ye: Case between ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: & ye: late Presidt: Yale wch: he delivered on ye: 13: July Mr: Fraser one of ye: assistance making Such remarks thereupon as imported his disent from ye: Judge in many materiall points Mr: Hatsell ye: other assistant was Sent for from Fort St: David who also gave in his remarks of like nature. The Presidt: upon ye: perusall thereof found occasion to propound severall observations to ye: Consideration of ye: Councill on ye: 25: Augst: to which Mr: Dolben gave in an answer on ye: 30th: do: which not being Satisfactory ye: Presidt: offered his farther thoughts thereon on ye: 3d: of Sept: & upon ye: whole wee were unanimously of opinion yt: Mr: Dolben had not dealt fairly with ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: in yt: tryall particularly introducing ye: Statute of limitation in Such Cases & Surprized ye: assistants into a Consent by ye: Suddain Starting thereof att ye: Same time hapned also a farther discovery made by Vincatte Chitte Ancho & Pedano whereby it did appear to us yt: Mr: Dolben did receive Pa: 400: for ye: releasing of Ancho for which & other reasons it was our unanimous opinion yt: Mr: Dolben be dismissed from ye: Rt: Honble: Compa's: Service & therefore by vertue of an order in ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Genll: Lrẽ of ye: 10th: Aprill 1692 Paragraph ye: 28: wee have dismissed him & their Honrs: having Sent a Commission dat: 10th: Aprill 93: appointing Mr: Willm: Fraser Judge & revoking Mr: Dolben's former Com̃ission & having directed in a Separate Lrẽ of ye: Same date yt: ye: Same be made use of as occasion require wee have delivered this Said Com̃ission to Mr: Fraser & he is now Judge of ye: Court of Admiralty in ye: room of Mr: Dolben copys of all ye: paprs: relating to ye: Sd: tryall & Copy's of our Consultation relating to Mr: Dolben comes herewth:

29 September 1694.

The expected Brigantine from Vizagapatam arriving this day wth: bales brings advice yt: ye: Rajahs persist in rebellion against ye: Seerlascar & yt: ye: Ship which appeared at Ganjam is generally Supposed to be ye: Royall James & Mary in her passage from ye: West Coast to Bengall because Some yt: Saw the Ship Saw none but English Colours & ye: boat Sent to Speak with ye: Ship was mannd only with Rowers. Wee write these particulars tho' uncertain because ye: news of french Ships will probably be Spread as farr as Surratt.

This day Mr: Styleman was chosen Mayor of ye: Corporation having Served in yt: office Since December 1692.

October ye: first 1694.

This day a private Ship arriving from Bengll: brought us a genll: Lrẽ from ye: Agent &ca: dat: 22d: Augst: last with Copy of a Lettr: Sent us over land, & not recd: dat. 31st: July wherein they give a particular Accot: of goods contracted for to ye: Amot: of 670000 Rups: whereof wee find but 26000: maunds of Saltpetre Contracted for besides 10000: Maunds before in their possession which falls a little Short of whatt they formerly advised, Some of their Merchants having failed in their promises & ye: present Nabob of Patna So much Incensed by ye: Loss of his Ship in ye: late warr yt: they dare not venture any thither but in generall their business goes on Currantly by their receipt of ye: King's Husbulhookum taking off ye: Stop on trade.

That they were ready to dispatch the Princess to us in August but ye: Pilots would not take Charge of her till Novemr:

That ye: Govr: of Hugly hath put a full Stop to ye: Interlopers business for want of ye: Duan's order which ye: Interlopers cannott obtaine tho' they have Sent their Vaqueell to Decca & proferr'd 4000: Rups: yearly for liberty of factors & trade custome free.

That they have great hopes of Muttradas'es being true in frustrating the Interloper & forwarding the Investment.

That they daily expect M^{r}: Braddyll from Malda & M^{r}: Charlton from Decca with all y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: effects.

In ours of y^{e}: 22^{d}: June last wee Sent yor: Exc^{y}: a Copy of our Letter to Beng^{ll}: dat: 19th: D^{o}: wherein wee recomended to them to Consider & give us their opinion of y^{e}: measures to be taken in resettling y^{e}: factory's in Bengall whereunto they have Sent us an Answer in Severall paragraphs of their Letter of y^{e}: 31st: July. Copy whereof Comes Inclosed with y^{e}: Copy of their Letter dat: 22: Augst: cheifly relating to passages between y^{e}: factory & y^{e}: Interlopers occasion'd by seizing one messinger & his house in Hugly whereupon y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: protested against M^{r}: Pitt & he answer'd by a reprotest Copy's of both comes Inclosed.

The resettling of y^{e}: factory's in Beng^{ll}: is a matter of great Import & therefore wee hope yor: Exc^{y}: will be pleased to give direction therein as to y^{e}: time & manner, it Seems to be y^{e}: opinion of y^{e}: Agent & Councill y^{t}: y^{e}: Settling of y^{e}: factory's is y^{e}: Surest way to Secure a large quantity of goods, & y^{t}: they may be bought cheap^{r}: but y^{e}: first question Seems to be whether any Considerable part of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: estate may be ventured in y^{e}: upper factory till y^{e}: demands relating to y^{e}: late warrs appear to be Concluded those att Surratt tho' Acco^{ts}: are made yet being not Satisfyed those made formerly in Bengall were never brought to Acco^{t}: or agreem^{t}: & y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: have not of late had any trouble about them.

In our gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to Surratt da^{t}: 14th: Sep^{t}: 1693 wee advised y^{e}: late Presid^{t}: Harris &c^{a}: y^{e}: Circumstances of y^{e}: treaty that has been Carryed on between Zulphaker Cawn & Fort S^{t}: George for a Phirmaund to be obtained by meanes of his father Assid Cawn for y^{e}: Settlements on this Coast & because y^{e}: Presid^{t}: of Surratt have for many yeares had occasion to transmitt business to y^{e}: Mogulls Court wee hoped to have rec^{d}: Some to direct us whether to proceed in the Said treaty or at least to prevent a double Charge by our interfearing wth: Surrat but y^{e}: late Presid^{t}: gave us no answer thereunto.

By our gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to yor: Exc^{y}: dat: 27th: March last (Copy whereof was also Sent with ours of y^{e}: 11th: & 22^{d}: June) wee give yor: Exc^{y}: a particular Acco^{t}: of what had passed as well relating to y^{e}: Phirmaund as y^{e}: Husbullhookum when wee receive yor: answer thereunto wee Shall then better understand what yor: Exc^{y}: meanes by endeavouring to gett a Phirmaund for this place & Bengall. In y^{e}: mean time wee Shall write again to Assid Cawn & Emaim Cooley to put him in mind of our business. Tho' at present there is Some appearance of Zulphaker Cawn's falling under y^{e}: Mogull's displeasure by his late Cutting off Arsemanaigue to prevent his receiving y^{e}: King's Tashriff & preferm^{t}: w^{ch}: arrived in y^{e}: Camp in a few days after upon w^{ch}: Occasion y^{e}: other principall officers of y^{e}: army have Complained to y^{e}: King & Stand upon their guard in opposition to Zulphaker Cawn & it is Supposed y^{t}: Assid Cawn had given his private advice & orders for Cutting off Arsema Naigue but time must discover y^{e}: truth of these mistery's.

M^{r}: Styleman acquaints us y^{t}: he will pay into y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Cash the ballance of y^{e}: moneys of M^{r}: Minchin in his hands So Soon as y^{e}: large Acco^{t}: thereof is copied deducting 300 tail Acheen w^{ch}: M^{r}: Delton has Stopped in his hands for a debt pretended to be due to him from M^{r}: Minchin & y^{t}: as Soon as her Son returns from China he Shall be Sent to Bombay according to yor: Ex$^{cy's}$: order by the first opportunity.

Passengers from Beng^{ll}: advise y^{t}: Capt: Caullore dyed in a fortnight after his arrivall tho' y^{e}: Beng^{ll}: Lr̃es make no mention of his death.

October y^{e}: 2^{d}: 1694.

This day by a vessell from Vizagapatam wee rec^{d}: a Generall Lr̃e from thence da^{t}: 22^{d}: Sep^{t}: advising Citteram's Continuing in rebellion but he doth permitt our Cloth to come thro' his Countrey without any molestation when y^{e}: goods of all others are Stopped, they have Sent us a pacquett from Bengall being their Lr̃e

dat: 31st: July & another pacquett from York Fort which by y^{e}: Indosement was sent by y^{e}: Royall James & Mary but there is no mention made thereof either in y^{e}: Beng^{ll}: or Vizagapatam Lr̃es & therefore wee Suppose y^{t}: y^{e}: Royall James & Mary was arrived in Ballasore road when y^{e}: Beng^{ll}: pacquett was come to Ballasore & so was forwarded therewth: by M^{r}: Stanly to Vizagapatam & Capt: Buck has wrote a private Lr̃e to one here da^{t}: 24th: August: from Ballasore road which Still renders it more Credible y^{t}: that was y^{e}: Ship which appeared at Ganjam.

In stead of y^{e}: forementioned paragraph of y^{e}: Beng^{ll}: Lr̃e on y^{e}: 31: July wee Send yor: Exc^{y}: y^{e}: Copy of y^{e}: whole Lett^{r}: wth: their Acco^{t}: of goods Contracted for & a Copy of their Lr̃e to yor: Exc^{y}: da^{t}: 16: Apr^{ll}: last Inclosed wee Send 2 Yorke Fort Gen^{ll}: Lr̃es dat: 21: July one from M^{r}: Bett & another from him & Councill whereunto wee can add nothing but y^{t}: y^{e}: Pepp^{r}: Sent to Bengall by Royall James & Mary is but 287 Bahar.

Wee are glad to find y^{t}: there is no complaint or appearance of disturbance among them nor do they represent any apprehension of danger from the Natives.

Wee are

Yo^{r}: Exc$^{y's}$: very hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

THO^{S}: WRIGHT. NATH: HIGGINSON.
CHA^{S}: BARWELL. WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE, OCTO: y^{e}: 9th: 1694.

TO Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: FRANCIS BETT[s] ESQUIRE
DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: ATT YORK FORT.

On y^{e}: Second Ins^{t}: wee rec^{d}: yor: gen^{ll}: Lr̃e of 21: July with all y^{e}: No: 104.
papers according to list & another Lr̃e of y^{e}: Same date Signed only by M^{r}: Betts.

Wee are glad to hear of his Safe arrivall & quiet possession of y^{e}: governm^{t}: tho' y^{e}: length of his passage & y^{e}: lateness of his arrivall So long after y^{e}: James & Mary was matter of great Concern to us & occasioned our writing orders to Bengall for Sending y^{e}: Ship Hawke from thence to y^{e}: West coast, if the Royall James & Mary brought them advice of any Considerable quantity of pepper procurable whereof you were ordered to Send notice to Bengall but have omitted it and you only advise them of yor: Intention to Send y^{e}: Madapollam hither with pepper So y^{t}: it remains doubtfull to us whether they will Send y^{e}: Hawk to you or no. If they do they have Sent her in Sep^{t}: with provisions & 3 or 4 Chests of treasure to buy pepper So that She will come in the best time of y^{e}: year for buying pepper & if y^{e}: quantity requisite for Compleating her tunnage be procurable you must Supply her & dispatch her for England & Send y^{e}: Madapollum to us with Such goods or Stores as are useless or impropper for yor: markett that they may not be utterly lost & as many canes & rattans as you may procure they being very cheap & may be usefull for many occasions, also any Sort of timber.

But if you foresee y^{o}: cannott compleat y^{e}: Hawk's tunnage rather than lett her goe home much dead freighted Send her hither to fill up.

As soon as y^{e}: Madapollum Shall arrive with us wee intend to Send a Ship to you wth: as large a Supply of factors Soldiers money Stores & goods as you Shall advise necessary with all possible expedition & probably may order an Europe Ship to yor: port in her way to Bengall expecting a large Supply of Stock & Ships Suddainly from y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: whose charter is confirmed & their Stock doubled & wee Conclude y^{e}: coming of y^{e}: Ships hath been delay'd only by y^{e}: wars in Europe which are y^{e}: reason y^{t}: neither English Dutch nor French are yet arrived.

By Capt: Brooks M^{r}: Fleetwood Sent us two Lr̃es in Malay with their translates which wee remitt to you y^{t}: y^{o}: may enquire what was y^{e}: occasion thereof for wee Suspect it was but a Contrivance of M^{r}: Fleetwood enquire also

into y^e : bargain made by him with M^r : Gough for y^e : Supply of y^e : factory upon which wee find in M^r : Fleetwoods $Acco^t$: cash y^e : entry of 4837 : Ry^{rs} : 3. p^d : 9th : May to y^e : owners of Ship Sarah for a debt borrowed before She went to Batavia which not being explained wee are apt to Suspect because there has been So many blind bargains made by y^e : Cheifs of Yorke Fort under y^e : pretence of Supplying their necessitys.

By y^e : Madapollum give us a particular answer to our last gen^{ll} : Lre & lett y^e : Fort S^t : George Gen^{ll} : Lre 1 : Sent in March 1693 be perused wherein you will find many usefull directions & orders which have never yet been put in execution particularly relating to y^e : Soldiers and Coffries.

Never omitt any opportunity of giving us advices especially of what you want & what quantity of pepper y^o : have or expect. The brigantine Gingerlee being not returned to us from y^e : Mallabar coast, Wee have never a vessell to Send to you, but it is our resolution to Supply you with all things necessary So Soon as wee can do it to better purpose than wee can do now. If y^e : Madapollam shall not arrive with us So Soon as wee expect wee shall however Send but greatly desire to receive your advices by her that wee may not fail in any thing that is necessary and therefore y^e : Sooner you Send her to us the better in y^e : mean time wee do Send you this by an uncertain Conveyance a Countrey Ship which has no other business at York Fort but to deliver their Lre if they fall in with the Port.

Lett y^e : $Acco^t$: of Ship Satisfaction be Strictly examin'd & Sent us ℘ first Conveyance rec^d : y^e : $Acco^t$: of Indapore factory.

Upon y^e : receipt of yor : promised advice by y^e : Madapollum wee Shall give a further answer to w^{ch} : is herein omitted.

Wee are
Yo^r : Affectionate friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS : WRIGHT.
CHAS : BARWELL.

LIST OF Y^E : PACQUETT TO Y^E : GENERALL AT SURRATT DATED 28TH : & 29TH : SEP^T : & 1ST : & 2^D : $OCTO^R$: 1694.

1 : Fort S^t : George gen^{ll} : Lre to y^e : Gen^{ll} : da^t : Sep^t : 28 : & 29 : Oct^o : 1 : 2.

2 : Copy of ditto. to Ditto. da^t : 16 : July.

3 : D^o : to y^e : R^t : Honble : $Comp^a$: dat : 15 : & 19 : Sep^t :

4 : Ditto of M^r : Frasers remarks on y^e : late triall between y^e : R^t : Honble ; $Comp^a$: & y^e : late $Presid^t$: Yale dat : 3 August 1694.

5 : Ditto of M^r : Hatsells remarks on d^o : dat : 20 : Aug^{st} : 94.

6 : D^o : of M^r : Dolben's answer to M^r : Fraser & M^r : Hatsell's papers dat : 24 : Aug^{st} : 1694.

7 : D^o : of y^e : $Presid^{ts}$: remarks on S^d : triall dat : 25th : Aug^{st} : 94.

8 : D^o : of Judge Dolbens $answ^r$: to d^o : pap^r : dat : 30th : Aug^{st} : 94.

9 : D^o : of y^e : $Presid^{ts}$: remarks on y^e : Judges Answer dat : 3 September 1694.

10 : D^o : of y^e : State of y^e : triall between y^e : R^t : Honble : $Comp^a$: & y^e : late $Presid^t$: Yale.

11 : D^o : of translates of Deode Vincatte Puttee $\&c^a$: declarations relating to Judge Dolben.

12 : Paragraphs of Consultations relating to y^e : late triall between y^e : R^t : Honble : $Comp^a$: & y^e : late $Presid^t$: Yale.

13 : Paragraphs of Consultations relating to ye : filling up of the Counll : of Fort St : George.
14 : Do : of ditto relating to ye : dismission of John Dolben Esqr : from ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Service.
15 : Do : [Returra] genll : Lre to ye : Honble : Presidt : &ca : att Madras dated 15 : August 1694.
16 : Do : of ye : Translates of ye : Queen of Attinga's ola to ye : Rt : Honble : English East India Compa : dated 29 : June 1694.
17 : Do : of ye : translate of ye : Comodr : & Counll : ola given ye : Queen of Attinga dat : 29th : June 94.
18 : Do : of a Bengll : genll : Lre to Fort St : George dat : 22 August : 94
19 : Do : of a Letter from Bengll : dated 31 July 1694.
20 : Copy of ye : Agent &ca : protest against Mr : Thomas Pitt &ca :
21 : Do : of Mr : Pitts &ca : answer to Ditto Protest.
22 : Do : of an Accot : of goods agreed for in Bengall for ye : year 1694.
23 : Do : of a genll : Lre from ye : Govr : &ca : att York Fort dated 21 : July 1694.
24 : Do : of ye : Govr : of York Fort Lre to ye : Presidt : &ca : dated 21 : July 1694.
25 : News paprs : recd : from Persia ℘ Ship Diamond.
26 : List of ye : Pacquett.

To ye : Worpll : Wm : Hatsell Esqr : Fort St : George
Deptty : Govr : &ca : Councill att Fort St : David. Octor : ye : 9th : 1694.

Our last was 21 : past Since wch : wee have recd : none from you. No : 105.

These Accompany Mr : John Butterfeild & Mr : Henry Mompesson whom wee have Sent to you wth : two Pallankeens wch : lett be returned to us when an opportunity presents. Mr : Butterfeild is of Merchts : Standing & hath Served ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : faithfully att York Fort. Wee have therefore appointed him fourth of Council & to be Sea Customer of Cuddulore having a Confidence yt : he will discharge his duty & because it is necessary to clear ye : Accots : of ye : Sea Customes lett ye : present Sea Customer bring up & State his Accots : to ye : end of this month & receive ye : money due for all exports & emports to that day & Mr : Butterfeild begin with ye : first of Novemr : So as yt : ye : former Accots : may not miss wth : his. Let ye : like method also be observed in ye : Charge of ye : Land Customer whereby ye : inconveniences will be prevented wch : wee have found here by letting Such Accots : run many yeares without bringing them to a true State.

Mr : Thos : Jordan in Consideration of his long Service in ye : laborious imployment of Secretary wee appoint Sixth of Councill (If he hath given factors Security to ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : in England) & Mr : Troughton Paymaster & Store-keeper but if you apprehend that ye : Paymasters imploy will not admitt his taking Charge of ye : Stores, wee leave it to you to appoint another person Store-keeper, as also Sea & Land Customer & assistant to ye : Sea Customer of Cuddalore & when done Send us a List of all ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Servts : & their imploy.

Mr : Henry Mompesson is a writer, his time Commences from ye : 3 : Febry : last to be employed as you find him capable.

Wee yett hear no news of Mockdum Ninos Sloop & fear her miscarriage.

Mr : Robt : Cranwell stands indebted upon our books : 50 : pa : Demand ye : money of Mr : Cranwell & if he do's not otherwise pay Stop his Salary till ye : debt be discharged. Mr : Cranwell formerly pretended that 20 : Pags : was to be deducted for Pallanquin hire &ca : Charges during ye : time of his being imployed

in ye: Collection of the Quitt rents upon which ys: bond was taken for 30: Pags: only Lett him pay that & then probably ye: Remainder or So much as is requisite will be abated. Wee are

Yor: affectionate friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

TO YE: RT: WORPLL: CHARLES EYRES ESQR:
AGENT &CA: COUNLL: FOR AFFAIRS OF YE: RT: HONBLE:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPA: IN BENGALL.

Nº: 106. Our last was dated 21st: past. On ye: Pmo: Inst: wee recd: yors: of 22d: August ℘ Ship Welcome & on ye: 2d: yors: overland Lre of 31: July with the papers accompanying each.

Wee are glad to understand yt: yo: have contracted for goods to ye: Amot: of Rs: 6,70,000 & if yor: present Stock is not Sufficient to accomplish ye: Contract wee doubt not but you will have a Supply large enough & Soon enough not only to finish that but to make another more yn: double that Amot: for ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: charter being Confirmed & their Stock doubled of which wee have unquestionable advice 'tis not to be doubted but they will Send out as large a Stock as they can gett ℘ mission for Ships whose arrivall wee Suddainly expect & Conclude, ye: warrs in Europe is ye: only reason for their Coming So late wee yet hear of none either English, Dutch or French arrived in India.

Wee observe yor: due Consideration of formr: Remissness in dispatch of business & Ships, yor: endeavours with Muttradas & against ye: Interlopers & have nothing to adde only yo: take care to transmitt to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: a particular Accot: of ye: Passages between yo: & ye: Interlopers with as authentick attestations as you can procure of all their miscarriages. The Copy's you Sent us of your protest & their answer we have remitted to ye: Genll: to go home by ye: Surrat Ships in Decemr:

Wee Shall expect ye: Princess in Novr: or Decemr: Since yo: could not dispatch her to us before the Monsoon.

Wee are Sorry you are disappointed in ye: expected quantity of Saltpetre in Such cases ye: private trade or interest must yeild to ye: publick, it is a vast Concernmt: to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: & to ye: nation yt: you procure as much as possible you can. The Bengall trade indulged to private traders is large enough in other things besides Saltpetre & they have no reason to Complain. If ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: necessary occasions be first supply'd. When it comes here there are many bidders for it, ye: Portugeze giving great rates & wee must give 12 or 13 pages: ℘ Candy If wee buy it as wee lately bought 500: baggs of Mr: Aflick which came by his Ship & wee hear of a 1,000 more coming upon an other wch: was bought up a year agoe. This would be enough to Kentelage one of ye: Compas: Ships to Europe & is too much to be Spared to private traders.

Wee have transmitted to ye: Genll: yor: Lre of ye: 31: July & have particularly recommended to his Consideration yt: part wch: relates to ye: Nabob of Patna & ye: resettlemt: of ye: uppr: factorys which will be ye: more necessary upon ye: enlargemt: of trade. If ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Stock may be Safely trusted upon ye: Husbullhookum.

If there was any mention in our Lre of Cotton to be Sent from Vizagapatam it was a mistake in writing.

If ye: murderer of Thomas Bowers can be apprehended lett him be Sent to us wth: the evidences as particularly as it can be taken that he may be prosecuted:

but ye European Portugeze not being a Subject to ye : King of England it will not concern us to prosecute him for ye : murder of a Coffrey unless ye : Coffrey were a Slave & his master demands justice & there do's appear to you good reason to think him guilty of murder & it be So Send him to us otherwise lett him be dismist.

Wee have not Convenient opportunity to Send you writers. You must not only make ye : Lazey writers but ye : lazey factors write when there is occasion & ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : have positively ordered yt : if any of them do refuse writers work when they are Commanded by their Superiours they Shall be dismist their Service.

Wee approve yor : employing Dr : Plumr : Chirurgeon of ye : factory in ye : room of Docr : Person.

Lett ye : returns of ye : warrts : wch : yo : have recd : from ye : Court of Admiralty be made to Mr : Fraser Esqr : who is now Judge of yt : Court.

Owen Charnell was Sent down by us to be employd in ye : river having lately Serv'd ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : in a voyage to ye : Coast of India to our Satisfaction lett him have Such encouragemt : as you Shall find he deserves by his capacity & diligence.

With yor : overland Lrẽ of 31 : July wee recd : a pacquett from ye : west coast wch : came by ye : Royall James & Mary whereby wee understand yt : Mr : Betts is at length arrived & in quiet possession of ye : governmt : wee perceive they have Sent yo : very Short advices So yt : wee know not what to judge whither yo : have Sent ye : Hawk thither or no but if yo : have wee hope yo : have Sent treasure with her their cash being otherwise too low to procure any Considerable quantity of pepper for her.

If yo : have not Sent ye : Hawke & can Spare one of yor : Sloops after ye : dispatch of ye : Royall James & Mary & ye : Season of ye : year will then permitt Send one to ye : west Coast laden with Bengll : provisions, rice, butter, oyle, ruske, arrack, a little match for ye : garrison use, Cartrage paper & 40 or 50 maund of yor : powder (being Cheapest) advise them yt : ye : vessell is not to Stay there longer then to deliver her lading & to return to you under orders of touching here in ye : way to bring us advices. If they can gain this port without loosing time.

Wee formerly advised yo : of Severalls delivered yt : of Fort St : George bills of lading by Ships Princess & Royall James and Mary demand a Sight of their bills of lading ye : Indosemts : whereof express ye : ℘ticulars wch : cause ye : Comdrs : to adjust & advise us.

Mr : Stanley (as wee suppose) Sent us ye : west coast pacquett with yors : but would not vouchsafe us a line to inform us of ye : arrivall of ye : Royall James & Mary. order him by all pattamars to give us advice of all occurrances.

This comes by brigantine Eagle John Cockrofft Master at an uncertain time of ye : year & her passage will probably be long wee Shall therefore Suddainly write you overland.

Wee are

Yor : very affectionate friends

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WM : FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS : WRIGHT.
CHAS : BARWELL.

Fort St : George
Octor : ye : 10th : 94.

To HODGEE MAHOMUD ALLE
GOVR : OF PULLICAT & ST : THOMA.

I recd : yor : Lrẽ wherein yo : write yt : I have taken hold of two Portugeze in No : 107.
ye : room of an Englishman who went to St : Thoma to marry thus ye : Portugeze tell their Story but ye : truth is that they have Severall times enticed Severall of ye : Compas : Servts : I bore it patiently now this man after he had been enticed to

change his cast & run away for which he deserves to dye by our law; The Capt: Moor of S^{t}: Thoma took him into his own Custody. I wrote to him twice he still refused to deliver him unless I would give him Security y^{t}: I would do him no harme. Now if Thoma De Mayo who calls himself Capt: More of S^{t}: Thoma be Govr: of y^{e}: place y^{n}: this matter Concerns Europe men & will depend on that which is accounted reason [for] them, but if you be Govr: of S^{t}: Thoma take y^{e}: Englishman into yor: hands & give mee your advice & I will act accordingly I write this because I know you are a good & wise man & my friend & will not desire me to do any thing y^{t}: is unreasonable or below mee.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

Fort St. George
Octo: 18th: 1694.

TO YE WORP^{LL}: WM: HATSELL ESQ^{R}: OCTO^{R}: Y^{E}: 19TH: 1694.
DEPUTY GOVR: & CA: COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

No: 108. Wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of 12th: Ins^{t}: advising yor: Contract with y^{e}: weavers for 1000 Pag^{s}: deliverable in two months wherein it do's appear y^{t}: y^{e}: abatem^{t}: on y^{e}: Beteelas is equall to y^{e}: advance on y^{e}: Longcloth and Salampores So y^{t}: the Contract in y^{e}: whole is not dearer then that which you made with yor: Merch^{ts}: last, & y^{e}: making the Contract will probably be a meanes to fix y^{e}: weavers whose Continuance & Increase will in time greatly advance the trade & custome so that wee think you have done well Since y^{o}: could not induce them to better terms but wee hope you will take an opportunity to reduce y^{e}: advanced price of Longcloth & Salampores in future Contracts w^{ch}: will be best done when Cotton falls to its usuall price, w^{ch}: in all these parts is two fifth p^{ts}: dearer than usuall; in y^{e}: mean time y^{o}: must go on as well as y^{o}: can in making farther Contracts with yor: weavers and Merch^{ts}: So as to Supply us with 2: or 3: hundred bales in Feb^{ry}: next for the Armenian Merch^{t}: & wee will Supply you with money as y^{o}: advise yor: occasion when wee Shall have a new Stock however wee Shall Send y^{o}: 20 bales of broadcloth (as you desired) & 6: or 7 thousand Pag^{s}: in money as opportunity offers after y^{e}: Monsoon (to make up 10000: Pag^{s}:) if you can accomplish an Investment att Woodearpollam or can otherwise invest it by Contract with yor: Merch^{ts}:

Wee greatly approve of y^{or}: proposall of making an Invest^{mt}: there especially if y^{o}: can with y^{e}: Woodear's assistance & Constant contracts with y^{e}: principall Weavers & Merch^{ts}: for all y^{e}: Longcloth & Salampores made in y^{t}: place in Such manner as not to trust any great Stock att a time within y^{e}: time [*sic*] of y^{e}: Wooddear.

Wee do not mean y^{t}: y^{o}: Should lay aside y^{or}: Company of Merch^{ts}: but think it more advisable that y^{e}: business of those Investm^{ts}; be managed by them and that they be accountable & responsible for y^{e}: money & be allowed a certain profitt or Commission w^{ch}: being a matt^{r}: of great Concernm^{t}: advise us y^{e}: terms before you conclude.

Send us Copy of y^{e}: terms of agreement wth: y^{e}: Woodears kinsman for watching y^{or}: bounds w^{ch}: were not finished when you advised us thereof.

Wee rec^{d}: y^{or}: examination of M^{r}: Constable acco^{t}: but his indisposition has not given us an opportunity of discoursing with him thereupon.

Inclosed is an acco^{t}: of oyle monthly used here & bill of lading & Invoice for 4 bales of broadcloth & 31: baggs of wheat Amo^{t}: to Pag^{s}: 397: 2^{fa}: 3^{ca}: Sent y^{o}: by brigantine Margarett Thomas Lowre Master.

The Paymast^{r}: wants Mockdum Nino's receipt for 200: Pag^{s}: in full of the hire of his Ketch Mockdum w^{ch}: was paid when y^{e}: Dep^{ty}: Govr: was here.

Wee Send you inclosed an acco^{t}: of Salary payable to M^{r}: Mountague M^{r}: Constable & M^{r}: Walton for half year ending 29 past amounting to 47: P^{a}: 14^{fa}:

04ca: which wee Shall pay them here but must be brought into yor: books & yo: must give us credit for ye: Sd: Sum they having Served in yor: factory for yt: time Mr: Butterfield & Mr: Henry Mompesson are pd: here for the Same time.

Wee are

Yor: affectionate friends
NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

TO HOJEE MAHOMUD ALLE OCTOBR: 22D: 1694.

I recd: yor: Lr̃e & at yor: request & for yor: Sake only I have Sent a Cowle No: 109.
to ye: runaway Englishman which pardons his faults past, Secures his life & restores him to his Service as yo: desire. If he or any body else makes any Scruple yo: may trust my word yt: I will do as I have promised. Let our friendship Continue & encrease.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

TO NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWN. OCTOBR: 29TH: 1694.

I Congratulate yor: Excy's: Success against ye: King's enemies & ye: daily No: 110.
encrease of yor: fame, as yor: Excy: desired. I have used all endeavours to find out ye: truth of Meer Mahomuds pretence of loosing money and Jewells & do beleive he has grossley abused yor: Excy: & mee in writing false storys others after ye: Same manner pretend to have lost things intending to have brought a disgrace upon mee whom I have found out in their Contrivance but Meer Mahomud by ye: assistance of Meern carryed his business on So cunningly yt: I cannot find out ye: truth; it is an easey matter when men have Spent their money to Say they have lost it. I was informed yt: Meer Mahomud was yor: Excy's: Servt: I therefore Sent officers to him when he came for to know what he had yt: ye: watchmen might take Care but he shewed them nothing but a little lumber of Small value & now Says yt: he has lost a great Sum: he chose to live in a place between Meera & many Rashboots who came from ye: Camp where our people would not dare to Come I have civilly entertained & Secured many of ye: King's Servts: of greater quality who I am Sure will not Complain of any Injury done them I therefore hope yor: Excy: will not Suffer mee to be Reproached by Such a man as Meer Mahomud & his adviser Meern who Spends his time & money in drinking & dancing wenches & when drunk without any Consideration Stops my very provisions & Sends mee word yt: I Shall not have it unless I will Send him dancing wenches, his impudence is intollerable but being yor: Excy's: Servt: I have hitherto borne it patiently & trust in yor: Excy's: Justice and favour for a Remedy as well for Such abuses as for ye: quiet enjoymt: of trade wch: is in danger of being utterly destroyed in these parts by his unreasonable exactions & Stopping & Seizing Merchts: goods that they are afraid & forbare to trade but ye: drunken fellow do's not Consider yt: robbing ye: Merchts: of a fanam today hinders ye: receiving of two to morrow.

When Emaim Cooley came 7: mos: agoe from yor: Excy: & went hence to ye: King's Camp I Sent Peons with him to carry a Lr̃e & small present to yor: noble father Assid Cawn putting him in mind of a Phirmand which both yor: Excys: have So long promised & when repeated to Emaim Cooley ye: promise made yor: Excy: upon ye: procury thereof but I have not heard from him; Since ye: Peons I sent with him returned to mee yesterday, & tell me that he refused to write by them & they cannot perceive yt: he do's endeavour to do any thing

in y^{e}: business. Now yor: Exc^{y}: knows what dependance is placed on yor: Self & Assid Cawn & how often you have both promised. I fear Emaim Cooley has omitted to putt Assid Cawn in mind; I therefore pray yor: Exc^{y}: to write both to Assid Cawn & Emaim Cooley what you think requisite & if y^{o}: will please to Send mee those Lr̃es I will Send them as yor: Exc^{y}: Shall direct mee & when y^{e}: Phirmand comes I will write in Lett^{rs}: of gold upon y^{e}: gate Assid Cawn & Zulphaker Cawn Patrions y^{t}: all ꝑsons may know & honour those by whom wee receive So great benefitt; I trust in yor: Exc^{y}: well knowing y^{t}: yor: noble father cannot deny y^{e}: word of So great a Son.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

LIST OF Y^{E}: PACQUETT TO Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}: DEPT^{Y}: GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: DAT^{D}: 19TH: OCTO^{R}: 1694.

1: Generall Letter dat: 19th: Octo^{r}: 1694.
2: Invoice of brigantine Mackrell
3: Ditto's bill of Lading
4: Acco^{t}: of Oyle & dammers allowd y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Serv^{ts}: at Fort S^{t}: George.
5: Acco^{t}: of Salary payable in Fort S^{t}: David.

TO CAP^{T}: MATTH: HATTON
COM̃D^{R}: OF SHIP LONDON FRIGGATT.

Nº: 111. Wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of 27th: past & congratulate yor: Safe arrivall in India & y^{e}: good news you give us of y^{e}: rest of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: fleet.

By y^{e}: mention you make of y^{e}: Comp^{as}: pacquett wee Suppose you are bound for this port & y^{t}: y^{o}: will take yor: most prudent course for attaining it wherein wee can give y^{o}: no directions nor positive ord^{rs}: but wee can only advise you y^{t}: wee have had but litle rain & less wind, wee Suppose y^{e}: Monsoon is not yet over but is expected in this month & because y^{e}: time of yor: arrivall here is uncertain wee have wrote to y^{e}: Worp^{ll}: Willm: Hatsell &c^{a}: Councill of Fort S^{t}: David to Send Some fitting ꝑson to you for y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Compa^{s}: packett whose orders y^{o}: may follow in delivering thereof & if y^{o}: can Conveniently spare yor: purser lett him accompany y^{e}: pacquett overland. Wee are

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{S}: WRIGHT.
CHA^{S}: BARWELL.

Fort S^{t}: George
Nov^{r}: y^{e}: 2^{d}: 1694.

TO Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}:
DEPT^{Y}: GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

Nº: 112 Wee rec̃d: a Lr̃e from M^{r}: Hatsell with one from Capt: Hatton Com̃d^{r}: of Ship London friggatt advising of his arrivall at Negapatam & 7 Ships more come out in Comp^{a}: for Severall parts. Wee Send y^{o}: inclosed a Lr̃e to y^{e}: Said Capt: open for yor: perusall which Seal & Send forward & if before receipt hereof you shall not have Sent one of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Serv^{ts}: as M^{r}: Hatsell intimated for y^{e}: pacquett lett one be dispeded with yor: orders to y^{e}: Comd^{r}: for y^{e}: delivering thereof & make a provision for y^{e}: Securing y^{e}: pacquett from wett & when rec^{d}: Send it to us.

Wee perceive y^e^: R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: hath Sent out a pretty Considerable Stock & tho' wee know not what their orders are yet Conclude y^t^: there will be occasion to make a large Investm^t^: at Cuddalore & therefore desire you to have it in yor: thoughts. Wee are

Yo^r^: affectionate friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^s^: WRIGHT.
CHA^s^: BARWELL.

Fort S^t^: George
Nov^r^: y^e^: 2^d^: 1694.

To M^R^: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &C^A^: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Wee have rec^d^: yor: 3 Letters by Brigantine Eagle Brigantine Kadgree & overland dat: in Sep^t^: The former brought us yor: Consultation & Invoice of yor: bales &ca. Sent ℘ brigantine Eagle w^ch^: wee have Rec^d^: according to Invoice & thank y^o^: for Sending us y^e^: wheat which proves much better than wee expected from yor: report of it's being not worth y^e^: freight, having Sold what could spare for 100 : [Pag^s^:] ℘ Garse. N^o^: 113.

Send us another Sein or two as Soon as y^o^: can lett y^e^: Cod be made deep^r^: y^n^: that last sent.

Wee gladly understand y^e^: prosperous proceedings of y^e^: R^t^: Honble: Comp^as^: business notwithstanding y^e^: troubles occasioned by Citteram's Rebellion against y^e^: Seerlascar & y^t^: y^o^ : are like to have so many bales ready in Decem^r^: advise y^e^: Agent &c^a^: of Bengall by every opportunity y^e^: number of bales rec^d^: & expected y^t^: they may accordingly order Ships to touch at yor: factory for them.

M^r^: Bridges Salary was paid to his Attorney Doct^r^: Bulkley So y^t^: there was no more than half year due to him as formerly advised.

Wee Can nott Send y^o^: Large paper till wee have a further Supply.

Yo^r^: overland Lett^r^: brought us a pacquett from Beng^ll^: herew^th^: we Send y^o^: a pacquett for y^e^: Agent & Councill w^ch^: lett be forwarded with fresh Peons.

Inclosed is Copy of a Lett^r^: rec^d^: from Capt: Hatton Command^r^: of Ship London friggatt advising his arrivall at Negapatam & of 7 Ships more Come out for Severall parts of India whereby it dos appear y^t^: y^e^: R^t^: Honble: Comp^as^. Charter is confirmed & wee Conclude they have Sent out a Sufficient Stock for effectuall carrying on their trade in all parts. So Soon as wee receive their orders wee Shall Communicate them, in y^e^: mean time it is our opinion y^t^: it will fall to yor: Share to provide a 1000: bales by Sep^t^: next. Wee are

Yo^r^: affectionate friends
NATH HIGGINSON.
W^M^: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^s^: WRIGHT.
CHA^s^: BARWELL.

Fort S^t^: George
Nov^r^: y^e^: 2^d^: 1694.

To HIS EXC^Y^: S^R^: JOHN GAYER
GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^E^: R^T^: HON^BLE^:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^A^: ATT SURRATT.

May it Please Yo^r^: Exc^y^:

Our last was dated 28th: 29th: Sep^t^: & 1st: 2^d^: Octo^r^: Copy whereof comes Inclosed with list of y^e^: pacquett by which yor: Exc^y^: will See what papers wee then Sent which are too many & large to Copy unless wee understand y^e^: pacquett is miscarried. Since which wee have rec^d^: none from yor: Excy: N^o^: 114.

This is intended cheifly for y^{e}: Conveying of y^{e}: Inclosed Copy of a Lett^{r}: yesterday rec^{d}: from Capt: Matth: Hatton Comd^{r}: of London friggatt advising his arrivall at Negapatam & y^{t}: 7 Ships more are come out for Severall parts whereof tho' one be ordered directly for Surratt, yet wee thought it requisite to send y^{o}: this speedy advice hoping it may come time enough to be forwarded to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: by yor: Decem^{r}: Ship y^{t}: their Hon^{rs}: may have y^{e}: good news of y^{e}: arrivall of one wee cannot expect to See her here till y^{e}: Latt^{r}: end of this month but hope to receive y^{e}: pacquett soon^{r}: when as occasion requires Shall Send yor: Exc^{y}: further advices having yet no news but that letter of y^{e}: Comd^{rs}: We are

Yo^{r}: Exc$^{y's}$: very humble: Servts:
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
THO^{s}: WRIGHT.
CHA^{s}: BARWELL.

Fort S^{t}: George
Nov^{r}: 2^{d}: 1694.

TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: CHA^{S}: EYRES ESQ^{R}:
AGENT &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: IN BENGALL.

N°: 115. Our last was 21st: past overland & 20th: Octo^{r}: ℘ Brigantine Eagle Copy whereof comes inclosed Since w^{ch}: wee have rec^{d}: none from you.

Herewth: we Send y^{o}: y^{e}: Copy of a Lett^{r}: rec^{d}: from Capt: Matth^{s}: Hatton Comd^{r}: of Ship London friggatt advising his arrivall at Negapatam & 7 Ships more come out for Severall parts of India, whereby it will appear y^{t}: y^{e}: Interlopers malicious reports were all false & forged & both y^{e}: Governm^{t}: & Merch^{ts}: will beleive So, when y^{e}: 2 Ships ordered directly for Bengall Shall arrive, which probably may be with y^{o}: before this. However wee thought it requisite to Send y^{o}: this advice tho' have nothing to add till we Shall receive y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: ord^{rs}: when Shall Communicate them to y^{o}: in y^{e}: mean time wee doubt not but upon rec^{pt}: hereof you will Conclude y^{t}: y^{o}: will have Stock enough & Consider how to employ it for y^{e}: Compleating So large a tunnage & y^{e}: timely dispatch of Ships, particularly Secure all y^{e}: Saltpetre you can. We are

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{s}: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

Fort S^{t}: George
Nov^{r}: 2^{d}: 1694.

TO CAPT: MATTH^{S}: HATTON COMMAND^{R}:
OF SHIP LONDON FRIGGATT IN CUDDALORE ROAD.

N°: 116. Upon receipt hereof deliver unto y^{e}: Worp^{ll}: Will: Hatsell Esqr: Dep^{ty}: Govr: &c^{a}: Councill of Fort S^{t}: David or their order [so] many bales of broad-Cloth ordinary, and Perpetuanos ordinary & Slabs or Piggs of Lead belonging to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: as they Shall demand. If y^{e}: Same can be delivered while yor: Ship lyes Windbound in Cuddalore or Negapatam road, but whenever wind & weather permitts make y^{e}: best of yor: way to this port & Stay not one-

hour in Said road for ye: delivery of Said goods, and deliver none besides ye: abovementioned. Dated in Fort St. George this 6 : day of November 1694.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WM : FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOs : WRIGHT.
CHARs : BARWELL.

To MUDDERA NAGE & NARSAPA.

I recd : yor : Lre & observe ye : Contents thereof & also have well Considered ye: Information yor : Braminy's Lingapa & Rangapa have given Mee of yor: affairs, You have by said Letter invited us of ye : English Compa : to inhabit in Some of yor: Sea port townes wch: I cannott do till I shall receive directions from ye: Honble: Compa : & to that effect I have wrote them & expect their Condescention. In ye: mean time I take notice of yor: friendship & kindness & upon our ships arrivall shall send one to yor: parts with some fitting person in a short time to give my respects to yo: & doubt not but shall make an agreemt: to our mutuall advantage & Satisfaction & I desire you will not give that privelige to any of another nation till yo: hear from mee further. At ye: present I send yo: a small token & desire yor: acceptance of it by ye: above named Braminy. No : 117.

NATH : HIGGINSON.

Fort St : George
Novr : ye : 7th : 1694.

NOVR : YE : 6TH : 1694.

To YE : WORPLL : WILL : HATSELL ESQR :
DEPTY : GOVR : &CA : COUNLL : ATT FORT ST : DAVID.

In yors : of 15th : past you advise Mr : Jordan has not heard that his friends have given factors Security for him in England but beleives it may be done & in ye : mean time offers Security in India. Lett him propound ye: persons & then wee will give further answer. The Security should have been given before he was admitted. No : 118

Wee shall debt yor : accot : 30 pags : paid by Mr : Robt : Cranwell into yor : cash.

Doctr : Fawcets Salary is 36 : " ₱ annum all payable in India at which rate pay what is due to him.

Wee Send yo : gilt paper by these Peons 12 : Sheets Amots : to Pags : 1 : 12 : fa : for which give us Creditt and Shall Send yo : timbers by ye : next opportunity as well for buildings in ye : Fort as for Shipping having Severall timbers Crooked & propper for repairs of Ships & Vessells.

Yors : of 1 : June advise a Contract made with yor : Merchts : for 2000 : Pags : in Janry : & 8000 in May at ye : Weavers prices, which is a great advance on ye : prices of last contract in Longcloth & Salampores. Tho' ye : abatemt : on ye : Beteelas reduce ye : whole to an equality. Tho' there is a necessity for Cloth yet there is a great future Inconvenience in advancing ye : prices by Contract expecially on ye : two Staples Longcloth & Salampores & is to be avoided if possible. The best method wee can think of is that ye : former prices be Continued in ye : Contract & a further bargain wth : ye : Merchts : yt : if they Comply therewith in due time they Shall have ye : advance paid them as wee have yesterday made a Contract wth : our Merchts : for 10000 : Pags : deliverable in Febry : wch : cloth they are to provide with their own Stock & in Consideration thereof wee are to pay them 10 ₱ cent on ye : whole, If they Comply in time & quantity otherwise not as yo : will perceive by ye : Inclosed Copy.

Therefore lett yor: Merch^{ts}: know y^{t}: wee Cannott approve of y^{t}: Contract for any more than they shall deliver in Jan^{ry}: or Feb^{ry}: & wee hope in a Short time Cotton will be cheaper (tho' now very dear & Scarce) & then y^{o}: will be better able to bring them to good terms, when y^{t}: great objection is removed.

Wee expect Stock enough to make an Investm^{t}: at Cuddalore for 50000: Pag^{s}: deliverable in Sep^{t}: next & y^{o}: may acquaint yor: Merch^{ts}: therewith & Carry one Truly wth: them wherein propound their taking of broadcloth Lead & Silver but deferr Concluding till Cotton is cheaper & till wee are in a Capacity of Supplying y^{o}: with money. Wee know not when y^{e}: Ship will arrive (The Monsoon being Contrary) and after she comes it will be Some time ere wee can have Silver or goods into money. However wee shall be able to Supply y^{o}: with as much as y^{o}: shall advise to be necessary for Cloth deliverable in Jan^{ry}: or Feb^{ry}: next for y^{e}: Armenian Merch^{t}: w^{ch}: is our first care.

Wee have hitherto Sold our broadcloth ord^{r}: at 29 Pag^{s}: ℔ peice abating 1 Pag^{s}: ℔ peice when 20 peices are bought together. Cloth rashes at 20: 19: Perpetuano's fine Pag^{s}: 15: ord^{r}: 9: pag^{s}: Arrora 49: Pag^{s}:

Send us a small peice of yor: match by y^{e}: next Peons for a muster. Wee buy cheaper than 7 Pag^{s}: ℔ Candy but perhaps yo^{rs}: may be better.

The Woodier has a gen^{ll}: good report & wee hope by his friendship yor: Investm^{t}: may be enlarged as intimated in ours of y^{e}: 19th: past and therefore his kinsman is to be preferred for a watchman before others unless he proves troublesome.

With yor: gen^{ll}: Lre̅ of 15th: wee rec^{d}: yor: Consultations from Augst: y^{e}: 1st: to y^{e}: end of Sep^{t}: last.

Wee have yet no news of Mockdum Nino's Sloop & fear y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Indigo is lost: y^{o}: must therefore provide y^{e}: more.

Herewth: wee Send y^{o}: our order to Capt: Matth^{s}: Hatton Comd^{r}: of Ship London friggatt for delivering Such bales of broadcloth ord^{r}: & Perpetuanos & as many piggs of Lead as y^{o}: shall demand, Viz^{t}: as much as y^{o}: think y^{o}: can vend in a yeares time, or yor: Merch^{ts}: will take of, wc^{h}: ord^{r}: is Sent upon y^{e}: Supposition y^{t}: y^{e}: Ship may touch att Fort S^{t}: David & lye there windbound long enough to deliver said goods, but lett not y^{e}: Ship be detained one hour either for that or any other Acco^{t}: whatsoever. Let one of y^{e}: Councill goe aboard with our order & veiw y^{e}: bales So as to prevent mistakes & Send us an Acco^{t}: & wee will Send y^{o}: an Invoice when wee receive y^{e}: pacquett.

The obligation for 30: Pag^{s}: is not Signed by M^{r}: Cranwell but by M^{r}: Griffith only to whom 'tis delivered. M^{rs}: Blackwall being gone to Fort S^{t}: David lately in order to the getting in her husbands debts give her w^{tt}: assistance you can therein. Wee are

Yo^{r}: affectionate friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
W^{M}: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{S}: WRIGHT.
CHA: BARWELL.

P S.—M^{r}: Constable delivered us an Acco^{t}: wherein he makes Verago Conacoply D^{r}: to him for 246: Pag^{s}: 16: ^{fa}: $1\frac{1}{2}$ w^{ch}: wee now Send you to be examined, when done send it us again wth: yor: report thereof & if y^{o}: shall find occasion for it Send him hither.

Idem.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE
NOV^{R}: 10th: 1694.

TO Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: JN^{O}: BRABOURN ESQ^{R}:
COMMODORE &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: ATT BRINJOAN.

No: 119 Our last was 28th: Sep^{t}: Copy whereof Comes Inclosed. This is to Inclose y^{e}: copy of a Consul^{n}: 7th: Instant relating to what has past here between us & y^{e}: Serv^{ts}: of the Naigue of Moodera Sent hither to offer a grant of w^{tt}: places or

priveliges wee pleased for Settlem^{t}: in his Country, but aft^{r}: many discourses upon y^{t}: Subject they discovered y^{e}: designe of their Invitation to be y^{t}: wee Should turn y^{o}: out of y^{e}: Queen of Attingeons Country. It is a very blind Story y^{t}: wee can make neither head nor tail of. however Send it y^{o}: as it is possible you may be able to understand more of it.

Wee apprehend it to proceed from Some applications made by y^{e}: Dutch to y^{e}: Naigue of Moodera to whom they have told Some Strange Storys & led him into this error. Wee thought it propper to advise y^{o}: (and Shall advise y^{e}: gen^{ll}: also) & if you can give us any directions for y^{e}: further treaty wth: y^{e}: Naigue of Moodera wee Shall act accordingly having answered y^{e}: Naigue y^{t}: wee Suddainly expect our Ships & then will Send people to treat wth: him in a month or two.

The Naigues dominions as they Say themselves extend from Negapatam landward to y^{e}: backside of y^{e}: Queen of Attingoas Country Qundunlon & by y^{e}: coast from Negapatam to Cape Comorin & from y^{e}: Cape beyond Brinjoan North^{wd}: tho' there are Severall Rajahs who do not pay that tribute which they ought, whether the pretension be false or true possibly they may be made use of for bringing y^{e}: Queen to better terms & also for enlarging your trade as well towards Cape Comorin as in Land for it is certain that there is plenty of Severall Sorts of Cloth mad[e] cheap in Some parts of y^{e}: Moodera's Country bordering upon y^{e}: Queen of Attingoa's.

Wee do not take upon us to order or direct y^{o}: in any thing. Wee only give you advice of w^{tt}: comes to our knowledge as well wishers to y^{e}: prosperity of yor: Settle^{mt}:

On y^{e}: 1st: Ins^{t}: wee had advice from Capt: Matth: Hatton Com^{dr}: of Ship London friggatt of his arrivall at Negapatam & 7 Ships more bound for Severall parts of India as appears by y^{e}: Inclosed Copy of his Letter besides w^{ch}: wee have no further news by y^{e}: first opportunity remitt y^{e}: Said Letter to Surratt. The Ship is detained by [contrary] winds. Wee are

Yo^{r}: affect^{e}: friends

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
CHAS: BARWELL.

Fort S^{t}: George
12: Nov^{r}: 1694.

TO Y^{E}: R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: CHA^{S}: EYRES ESQ^{R}:
AGENT &C^{A}: COUN^{CL}: IN BENGALL.

After writing of y^{e}: foregoing (dat: 2^{d}: Ins^{t}:) wee rec^{d}: advice from Fort No. 120
S^{t}: David that they had Sent one to Negapatam for y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Pacquett & upon y^{e}: hopes of receiving it Suddainly wee deferred y^{e}: Pattamar. But yesterday they advised us y^{t}: y^{e}: London friggatt Sailed from Negapatam 29th: past (upon y^{e}: approach of bad weather) designed either to keep y^{e}: Sea or to harbour att Trincomalay as y^{e}: winds proved, So that wee Cannott expect to receive y^{e}: pacquett till Some time in next month & hope before then to receive from y^{o}: a Duplicate w^{ch}: probably comes upon each of y^{e}: two Ships w^{ch}: were order'd directly for Bengall and may arrive there as Soon as y^{e}: London friggatt arrived at Negapatam who lost 17 days in getting about Zeilon.

It will doubtless be yor: first care to dispatch them home laden as Soon as you can & if y^{o}: can do that Suddainly there will be no occasion to Consider of employing them in y^{e}: Country, but if y^{o}: have not a rationall prospect of Sending them home wth: the Royall James & Mary or Soon after it behoves us to Consider how to prevent their lying idle 12: or 16: months as y^{e}: Charles y^{e}: 2^{d}: and Sampson did on a deced demorage.

It was thought requisite by Agent Charnock & Coun^{ll}: for Security of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: estate and Serv^{ts}: to have at least one Ship lying by y^{e}: factory att Chuttanutte, whether y^{e}: Same reason holds good Still you are best able to Judge it depending on y^{e}: Confidence y^{o}: can place in y^{e}: goverm^{t}: upon y^{e}: Kings Husbullhookum. Therefore if y^{o}: think it necessary keep one of y^{e}: Ships with y^{o}: & Send us y^{e}: other, but if y^{o}: have no Occasion Send them both to us laden wth: grain as Soon as possibly you can one after y^{e}: other & wee will returne one of them to y^{o}: again Imediately the other at Such time as y^{o}: Shall advise requisite for her being dispatched for Europe in y^{e}: mean time possibly wee may find other imploym^{t}: for her.

The present Scarcity of grain in these parts & prospect of greater, puts us upon this expedition for y^{e}: Support of the place & it will also gain Something Considerable towards y^{e}: Ships demorage in both w^{ch}: respects it will be for y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Service & is agreeable to their generall orders, but wee know not whether these Ships are arrived, w^{tt}: burden they are of, when they will gett from Ballasore road, into y^{e}: river what Stock or goods they have aboard to be unladen where they must take their Lading of grain & when it can be provided. Nor what orders y^{o}: will receive from y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: for y^{e}; disposall imploym^{t}: or returne of the Ships. Therefore wee give you no positive ord^{rs}: but only recomend it to y^{o}: who will understand all these Circumstances & y^{o}: must act accordingly.

If y^{o}: Send one or both y^{e}: Ships to us Send not above 500 maund wheat 50 Jarrs butter & 200 Jarrs oyle. Lett all y^{e}: rest of y^{e}: lading be 1000 baggs upon each Ship of Saltpetre if y^{o}: can Spare it, y^{e}: rest rice which is y^{e}: main thing & y^{o}: need not loose one day in y^{e}: dispatch of y^{e}: Ship for y^{e}: Sake of wheat butter or Oyle of which wee doubt not but you will Send in a Competent Supply by the Princess.

If y^{o}: cannot provide a Sufficient quantity of rice for y^{e}: Ships lading on y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Acco^{t}: in due time. If any body have provided it for their owne acco^{t}: y^{o}: may take it on freight at 50 ℔ Cent (by w^{ch}: the Propriators will gain Cent ℔ Cent) & any other Sorts of goods to fill up on y^{e}: usual termes of freight.

The Ship will not Carry her hold full of rice therefore there will be no room lost by Sending y^{e}: rice in baggs if y^{o}: can gett them ready time enough.

The Cost of y^{e}: Ships lading wth: grain will not be much whatever it amo^{ts}: to wee will reimburse y^{o}: in y^{e}: Southerly Monsoon in rup^{s}: So y^{t}: yor: Stock will not be thereby diminished.

Wee hope y^{o}: have ordered y^{e}: Princess Anne of Denmark to call at Vizagapatam & bring their bales to us therefore lett the Other Ships be also ordered to call for y^{e}: remainder. If y^{o}: shall receive advice from M^{r}: Holcombe &c^{a}: the number they expect to have rec^{d}: you may leave room Accordingly, but if not lett y^{e}: Ship be filled & when they come to Vizagapatam may deliver there as much rice &c^{a}: as will make room for the bales wee depend upon his order for the Conveying of the Vizagapatam bales to us which wee Shall want for the Armenian Mercht's Lading.

If y^{o}: can dispatch y^{e}: Ships in Jan^{ry}: they will probably gain a quick passage but if deferred longer may prove tedious & troublesome. The Southerly winds Commonly begins to blow in Feb^{ry}: Therefore y^{e}: Sooner y^{o}: can dispatch them y^{e}: better.

The Sampson brought 10: duppers of powder without Invoice or bill of lading & were Sent ashore from y^{e}: Ship unknown to y^{e}: Warehousekeeper and lay Severall days on y^{e}: Sea Side y^{e}: Gunn^{r}: finding them there after y^{e}: Ship was gone they proved Some half & Some $\frac{3}{4}$ p^{ts}: full & all damaged in Such manner that they could not distinguish whether it was English or Countrey powder but caused it all to be remade by y^{e}: Powdermaker among Countrey powder & was then found to weigh but 692^{ll}: whereas y^{e}: Acco^{t}: Sent us wth: yor: Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e dated 31 July last of short entry there is a mention of 10: dupper Containing 13: baher Amo^{t}:

to Rup^{s}: 520: whereas 692^{11}: at Pag^{s}: 20: ℘ Candy amo^{t}: to no more y^{n}: pag^{s}: 27: 12: & wee Shall recharge to yor: acco^{t}: y^{e}: difference. Wee are

Yo^{r}: very affectionate friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{s}: WRIGHT.
CHA^{s}: BARWELL.

P.S.—Inclosed wee Send y^{o}: the attestation of our gunner & t^{wo}: other persons concerning y^{e}: powder re^{cd}: by y^{e}: Sampson. Idem.

LIST OF THE PACQ^{T}: TO BENGALL.

N^{o}: 1: Generall Letter dat: 2^{d}: & 12th: Novem^{r}: 1694.
2: Copy of a Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e dat: 10th: Octo^{r}: 1694.
3: Copy of a Generall Letter dat: 21: Sep^{t}: 1694.
5: An attestation concerning powder rec^{d}: from Ship Sampson.
6: List of y^{e}: Pacquett.

To HIS EXC^{Y}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYER
GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}: R^{T}:
HON^{BLE}: COMP^{A}: IN INDIA ATT SURRATT.

May it please Yo^{r}: Exc^{y}:

The foregoing of 2^{d}: Ins^{t}: was detained by advice from Fort S^{t}: David y^{t}: N^{o}: 121.
they had Sent one to Negapatam for y^{e}: pacquett but yesterday they advised us y^{t}: y^{e}: Ship Sailed from Negapatam y^{e}: 29th: fearing bad weather. Inclosed is y^{e}: Copy of their Lett^{r}: Wee now expect to receive Duplicates from Bengall hoping the Ships bound thither may have gained their passage as Soon as y^{e}: London friggatt fell in with Negapatam she having lost 17 days in getting about Zeilon. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Exc$^{y's}$: very humble & obedient Servants
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{s}: WRIGHT.
CHA^{s}: BARWELL.

LIST OF Y^{E}: PACQUETT TO HIS EXC^{Y}: &C^{A}: ATT SURRATT.

N^{o}: 1: Generall Letter to his Exc^{y}: S^{r}: John Gayer dated 2^{d}: & 12 Novem^{r}: 1694.
2: Copy of a Generall Letter to y^{e}: Presid^{t}: of Surratt dated 28th: 7^{br}: 1694.
3: Ditto of a generall Letter from Capt: Matth: Hatton Com^{dr}: of the Ship London friggatt dat: 22: Octo^{r}: 1694.
4: D^{o}: of a gen^{ll}: Lr̃e from Fort S^{t}: David dat: 7th: Nov^{r}: 94.
5: D^{o}: of a Consultation relating to y^{e}: Naigue of Moodera dated 7th: Nov^{r}: 1694.
6: D^{o}: of a Lr̃e to y^{e}: Worp^{ll}: John Brabourn &c^{a}: dat: 10th: Novem^{r}: 1694.
7: List of y^{e}: Pacquett.

To HIS EXC^{Y}: S^{R}: JOHN GAYER
GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF Y^{E}: R^{T}:
HON^{BLE}: COMP^{A}: IN INDIA ATT SURRATT.

May it please Yo^{r}: Exc^{y}:

It being doubtfull when wee shall receive y^{e}: pacq^{t}: by y^{e}: London friggatt N^{o}: 122.
wee have Sent to Bengall y^{e}: Coppy of y^{e}: Cap^{ts}: Lr̃e and upon y^{e}: probability of

ye: Martha & Success their arrivall in Bengall have Sent ye: Agent &ca: our ordrs: for Sending one or both those Ships to us with grain as well [for] Supply of this place as for ye: imploymt: of ye: Ships but because wee know not what ordrs: ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: have given nor ye: Circumstances of things in Bengll: wee cannott give them positive ordrs: as by ye: Inclosed copy of our genll: Lre to ye: Agent &ca: dat: 12th: Inst:

Wee have yet had very litle rain in these parts So yt: ye: fears of a famine doe increase upon us tho' wee hear there has been ye: usuall rains in ye: Northwd: and Southwd: parts from whence & Bengall wee expect a Supply by Sea Sufficient for this place yet ye: adjacent inland Countrey where Cloth is made will be in a miserable Condition unless it please God to Send rain before this month is ended.

Since our last advising our Intentions of Sending to Zulphaker Cawn he hath removed his Camp further Inland & is in frequent marches & his designe unknown & there being many uncertain rumours of a quarrell between him & ye: rest of ye: principall officers, a Spye Bramini wee Sent thither to give Intelligence from whom on ye: 10: Inst: recd: ye: inclosed Accot: & therefore must deferr our applications to him till the Issue of those disputes are over.

Wee Send yor: Excy: ye: Copy of our Consultation dat: 5: Inst: relating to Fort St: George Merchts: representing ye: reasons of their great defect in ye: managemt: of business & ye: method taken for enabling them to performe better.

Yor: Excy: dos direct in yor: Lre of 12th: June 1694 to deferr ye: recovery or resettlement of Indapore to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa's: order. There being So many Ships come out this year it is probable Severall of them may Stay long enough in yt: Country to be Sent to ye: west coast If yor: Excy: shall see cause from ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: ordrs: by these Ships to undertake the resettlemt: of Indapore or ye: better fortifying & Securing of ye: remaining factorys, It is our thought to do all that can be done towards ye: Securing & well Settlemt: of York Fort & ye: adjoyning Settlemt: of [P]ryamong in Febry: next by wch: time it is probable ye: Amity may be arrived there from St: Hellena tho' can resolve nothing till wee know what ordrs: ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: have given. The great difficulty will be in Sending men of Sutable abilitys for managing the affair.

If yor: Excy: Shall find occasion to Send one of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: Ships from Surratt into these parts wee humbly offer to yor: Consideration ye: Sending 100: or 200: bales of Cotton on their Honrs: Accot: Cotton is now Extreamly dear & Scarce about 30 Pags: ℔ Candy Surratt Cotton will never Sell at less than 12: Pags: ℔ Candy of 500 li: at which rate there is about 50 ℔ Cent gained on ye: Surratt price but it will more probably Sell at 15: which will be Something towards ye: Ships Demorage & will ye: better enable us to Contract for Cloth.

Wee Send yor: Excy: ye: Copy of our Consultation dat: 7: Inst: & our generall Lre to Mr: Brabourne &ca: at Brinjoan dat: 10 Inst: relating to a petty embassy Sent from the Naigue of Moodera which because it Seems to Concern ye: Settlement: & wee know not what ye: Consequence may be wee have transmitted the Accot: thereof to Mr: Brabourne & now to yor: Excy: Wee are

Yor: Excy's: very humble: Servts:

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
CHAS: BARWELL.

Fort St: George
Novr: ye: 13th: 1694.

LIST OF YE : PACQT : TO HIS EXCY : YE : GENERALL OF INDIA.

No. 1. Generall Letter dated 13th : Novemr : 1694.

2. Copy of a generall Lre to do : dat : 28th : 29th : Sept : & 1st : & 2d : Octor : 1694.
3. Do : of ye : list of ye : pacqt : to Do : Sent 4th : Octor : 1694.
4. Do : of a translate of a Lre from ye : Braminy att Zulphaker Cawns camp recd : 10th : Novr : 1694.
5. Do : of a Consultation dat : 5th : November 1694 relating to Fort St : George Merchts :
6. Copys of Generall Lres to ye : Agent &ca : in Bengall dat : 2d : & 12th : Novr : 1694.
7. List of ye : Pacquett.

FORT St : GEORGE
NOVEMR : 21ST : 1694.

To HIS EXCY : SR : JOHN GAYER KT :
GENERALL FOR AFFAIRS OF YE : RT : HONBLE :
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN INDIA ATT SURRATT.

May it Please YoR : ExcY :

Our last was of ye : 13th : Inst : Copy whereof Comes inclosed with a list of ye : pacquett whereof wee cannott now Send Coppy's. No : 123.

Yesterday wee recd : ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : pacquett ℘ Ship London friggatt wch : putting to Sea in order for gaining Trincomalay was by more favourable winds directed to Trincombar where ye : wind proving contrary, She remains & ye : Comdr : from thence sent ye : pacqt : to us by ye : Purser.

Upon perusall of ye : Severall Lres wch : ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : have Sent us & Copys of their Lres to Surratt, Persia, Bengall & Bencoolen wee find yt : ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : have not only sent out Ships but a Considerable Stock & have given very Important directions for ye : managemt : of ye : trade of India in all parts upon ye : Confirmation of ye : Charter by his Majesty & ye : augmentation of ye : Stock by new Subscribers & tho' have no reason to doubt but ye : Ship designed for Surratt may be now arrived with you or at least before this can come to yor : hands yet remembring ye : Instance of ye : Modena this time two yeares wee have thought it requisite to Send yor : Excy : ye : Copys of all ye : Lres recd : from ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : yt : in case yor : Ship meet with a longer passage, yo : may receive their advices So Soon as wee can Send them.

And for ye : Same reason wee are Sending a Pattamarr to Bengall with ye : copy of ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : generall Lre to yt : place.

Our last mentions a Petty embassy from ye : Naigue of Moodera whereof wee gave yo : a particular Accot : because wee apprehend ye : Settlemt : of Rutterah might be Concerned therein & therefore have returned Such an Answer as might give an opportunity of carrying on a treaty, if yor : Excy : should see cause for it but wee apprehend a further reason for ye : Continuance of a treaty wth : ye : Naigue because ye : pepper that can come overland from the Mallabar Coast to these parts must come through Some part of his Country & therefore if wee do not maintain a friendship with him wee cannott expect to gett any Considerable quantity that way, wee are informed there are two places between Cape Comorin & Rama Cota wch : are markt for pepper brought over land from ye : Queen of Attingo's Country or pts : adjacent, one lying inland from Kilkerre & ye : other Inland from Trivolagurree ye : greatest pt : of ye : peppr : there is bought of ye : Dutch & ye : Dutch Comissary when he was in those pts : wth : a fleet of Ships did Compell all ye : Naigues and Rajahs between Cape Comorin and Negapatam to

Comply with Such Contracts as Secured to ye: Dutch Compa: not only ye: fishing for Pearle & Chanke, but ye: overland pepper So yt: Devera ye: Rajah of Rama Cota & adjoyning part of ye: Continent hath a liberty reserved to him by ye: Dutch Contract, only for one Ship's Lading in a year of Chank & pepper to be Sent to Bengall, ye: Said Devera drives a Considerable trade to this place yearly by Julars factor in Chey root Cockonutts Coyoe &ca: & has enjoyed Some priveledges in trade many years upon his undertaking to gett Some English prisoners in Candy released his factor here resident being treated with abot: pepper will not undertake to procure ten Candy & gives this reason yt: if he brings it hithr: it must be by Stealth & whenever ye: Dutch Come to understand it they will Stop his Mastrs: Ships So that there can be no peppr: expected that way.

There is another markett town for peppr: lying between Fort St: David & Negapatam inland from whence it might be brought to Fort St: David & all yt: comes thither passes through ye: Naigue of Moodera's Country So yt: it Seems improbable to carry on any considerable trade without a treaty wth: him, two yeares agoe there came a Considerable quantity to this markett town & was from thence brought to Fort St: David by ye: Merchts: & Sold there at Pags: 24 or 25 ₱ Candy & probably ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: have had Information thereof but ye: Dutch Soon found out a way to Stop or divert ye: peppr: & there comes none now.

Tho' wee give yor: Excy: our thoughts So particularly in this affair yet wee must owne our Selves unacquainted with ye: Customs of those pts: & ye: relation or dependance yt: one place or Govermt: has to another & wee pray yor: Excy: to order ye: Comodore &ca: of Rutterah to give us what advice they can. Wee are

Yor Excy's: very humble Servants

Nath: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.
John: Styleman.
Thos: Wright.
Cha: Barwell.

List of Ye: Pacquett to Ye: Generall.

No: 1. Copy of ye: Rt: Honble: Companys generall Letter to Fort St: George dated 3d: Janry: 1693/4.
2. Copy of ditto to Bombay dat: 3d: Janry: 1693/4.
3. Copy of ditto to Bencoolen dat: 3d: Janry: 1693/4.
4. Copy of ditto to Persia dat: 3d: Janry: 1693/4.
5. Copy of ditto to Bengall dat: 3d: Janry: 1693/4.
6. Fort St: George Generall Lre dat: 21st: Novr: 94.
7. Copy of ditto dated 13th: November 1694.
8. Copy of ditto dated 2d: November 1694.

To Ye: Worpll: Will: Hatsell Esqr:
Depty: Govr: &ca: Counll: att Fort St: David.

Fort St: George Novr: 94.

No: 124. Yesterday wee recd: yors: of [. . .] Inst: wth: ye: Compas: pacquett by ye: London Friggatt in which was their Generall Lre to Fort St: David dat: 3d: Janry: last which comes Sealed, whereby wee gladly understand their approbation of yor: management but must withall acquaint you that they have given very Severe ordrs: concerning those who faile in ye: due keeping up of their generall books of Accounts.

The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: do advise y^{t}: a new Charter is granted by his Majesty & will probably be Confirmed by y^{e}: Parliam^{t}: whereupon their Stock is encreased to 744000^{lb}: by new Subscribers w^{ch}: comprehend y^{e}: most Considerable part of those who formerly imposed them, there are now eight Ships come out & four more to follow Suddainly w^{ch}: brings a Stock for Carrying on & enlarging their trade in all parts of India.

The London friggatt brings us silver, broadcloth Perpetuano's & Lead. Consider how much of each you can vend in yor: factory & give us an Account.

The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: have Sent us a list of goods to be provided on y^{e}: Coast whereof wee shall send y^{o}: a Copy in y^{e}: meantime y^{o}: may go on wth: yor: Contract made with yor: weavers & Merch^{ts}: Viz^{t}: for So much as they can deliver in Jan^{ry}: or Feb^{ry}: for y^{e}: Lading of y^{e}: Armenian Merch^{t}: & y^{o}: may draw bills upon us as opportunity presents of 2 : or 3000 Pagodos.

Wee Send y^{o}: Inclosed a paragraph of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Generall Lr̃e concerning Indigoe, Contract for no more of y^{e}: courser Sort & receive as little as y^{o}: can of what y^{o}: have Contracted for, but y^{e}: fine Indigoe wee think is not prohibited by that order especially if it be of y^{o}: growth & manufacture of y^{e}: place & therefore y^{o}; may Continue to make as much as y^{o}: can of that. Wee are

Yo^{r}, affectionate friends
NATH : HIGGINSON,
WILL : FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{S} : WRIGHT.
CHA^{S} : BARWELL.

TO BAUHAUDER CAWN GOVERN^{R} :
OF PULLAMULLE FORT.

I rec^{d}: yor: Letter & observed y^{e}: Contents thereof you write mee therein No : 125.
about Oumur Cawn y^{e}: which I understand if so be pleas'd to Consider what I shall say to it. You must understand then Oumur Cawn vacqueel designed to go on y^{e}: other side he often went to Oumur Cawn & tendred him the money but Oumur Cawn went to S^{t}: Thoma without receiving the money y^{e}: said vacqueell before he went left y^{e}: money & his Acco^{ts}: in y^{e}: hands of a Shroff ; If Oumur Cawn wants his money he may have it according to his Acco^{ts}: left here besides this Oumur Cawn is indebted to his Surany Taja, & Laskers 315 : Pag^{s}: & odd fanams the Surany & Laskers have often demanded their wages but he has as often refused to pay them after this they then Complained against him in y^{e}: Mayors Court and after a hearing y^{e}: Court order'd that his goods Should be Sold at a publick outcry y^{e}: goods y^{t}: were Sold was Sappan wood Dam̃er rice & Some planks all which still falls short of 100 Pag^{s}: & odd fanams, this is what has passed here & is very well known to y^{e}: whole place, y^{t}: Oumur Cawn do's this purposely to break off our friendship but now y^{o}: have found him to be a false man.

NATH : HIGGINSON.

TO RUEEA NAUTA TEAVER.

I enjoy good health & hope to hear y^{e}: Same from yor: Hono^{r}: you having No : 126.
formerly wrote us in behalf of yor: Merch^{ts}: Peria Tumbe Murcawn & informed us that your trade was carryed on by his meanes, I hope ere this he has given you an Acco^{t}: of y^{e}: civill usage & friendly assistance he has mett withall here he paying no more custome & duty than our owne nation I am now in want of about 4000 Pag^{s}: worth of Padd[y] & have now Sent my Serv^{ts}: into yor: Hon^{rs}: parts desiring yor, Hon^{r}: to assist & forward them in their provision of grain I have also wrote to Peria Tumbe Murcawn about this at large by whose information I hope you will be given to understand more at large I having nev^{r}: troubled yor: Hon^{r}: on Such a business makes me not question yor: kindness & assistance herein if y^{o}: have any business in these parts you may acquaint mee of it.

NATHANIELL HIGGINSON.

Fort S^{t}: George Nov^{r}: y^{e}: 22^{d} : 1694.

To Rueea Nauta Peria Tumbe Murcawn.

N^{o}: 127. I enjoy good health & hope to hear the Same from y^{o} : I hope y^{o} : cannot but be Sensible of y^{e} : favour & kindness I continually show yor : Serv^{ts} : in these parts you did lately give yor : promise to endeavour to clear y^{e} : English Captives in Candy I hope y^{o} : will by all meanes endeavour to performe yor : promise by w^{ch} : y^{o} : will gain a great fame.

I do at present want 4000 : Pag^{s} : worth of Paddy & have Sent my Serv^{ts} : to you, I hope you will esteem this affair as much as if it were yor : own doubting not yor : furtherance of my people I have now wrote to Rueea Nauta Teaver about this which I herewith Send & if you shall think fitt y^{o} : may deliver it & send me his answer yor : business in these parts I esteem as my owne in like manner I hope you will this Small one of mine as for other matters I have acquainted yor : Serv^{ts} : of by whom y^{o} : will understand more at large you may reckon mee yor : particular friend & often acquaint mee of your good health.

Nathaniell Higginson.

Fort S^{t} : George, Nov^{r} : y^{e} : 22^{d} : 1694.

Nov^{r} : 26th : 1694.

To M^{R} : Simon Holcombe
Cheif &c^{A} : Councill att Vizagapatam.

N^{o} : 128. On y^{e} : 20th : Ins^{t} : wee rec^{d} : yor : generall Lr̃e wth : out date by Ship Loretta with Coppys of your Consultations from 6 : Sep^{t} : to y^{e} : 10 : Nov^{r} : 94, & Coppy of your Lr̃e to Bengall.

Att y^{e} : same time wee rec^{d} : y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Pacquett by Ship London friggatt from Trincombarr w^{ch} : brings us a Coppy of his Maj$^{ty's}$: Charter whereupon y^{e} : Stock is encreased 744,000 :^{ll} by new Subscribers comprehending y^{e} : most Considerable persons of y^{e} : opposite party. So y^{t} : there is an end put to all those troubles w^{ch} : have for Some yeares past troubled & lessned y^{e} : trade of India & y^{e} : vain expectation of those who built their hopes upon y^{e} : dissolution of y^{e} : Comp^{a} : utterly frustrated.

Upon y^{e} : Confirmation of y^{e} : Charter y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{a} : have Sent eight Ships & four or five more to follow Suddainly which brings a Stock for y^{e} : Carrying on & enlarging their trade in all parts of India.

Wee are Sorry to understand by your Lr̃e & Diary, y^{e} : Continuation of y^{e} : troubles by Citteram & yor : apprehension of a famine which gives us reason to fear y^{t} : y^{o} : will not be able to make So large a provision of Cloth as y^{o} : formerly advised, it would fall to yor : Share to Invest 50,000 : Pag^{es} : this year & wee had hopes that y^{o} : would have been able to invest more to Supply the failure of Fort S^{t} : George & Fort S^{t} : David Merch^{ts} : who yet cannott be perswaded to make any Considerable Contract there being a generall apprehension of a famine in these parts.

When y^{o} : advise us y^{t} : it is Safe to venture more of y^{e} : R^{t} : Honble : Comp^{as} : estate in yor : factory wee will by the first opportunity Supply y^{o} : with 100,000 : Pag^{s} : or as much as Shall be requisite for beginning a new Contract & Send y^{e} : rest afterwards by Such Conveyance as Shall happen in y^{e} : Southerly Monsoon in y^{e} : mean time treat with yor : Merch^{ts} : in order to Contract for 30 : 40 : or 50,000 Pag^{s} : deliverable in Apr^{ll} : Sep^{t} : & December 1695 : in Such proportions as y^{e} : Merch^{ts} : will undertake & wee y^{e} : rather desire y^{e} : Contract may be made deliverable in Severall parts at Severall times, for fear wee Should faile in y^{e} : timely Supply of y^{e} : money, if wee cannott dispose of our Europe goods, wherein our Stock cheifly Consists & therefore desire you to have regard thereunto in your Contracts.

As for y^e^: Sorts of goods to be provided y^e^: R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: have Sent out a list of Coast goods wherein wee find no mention of Strip'd Beteelas & but 2000: p^s^: of Saile cloth. The goods ordered by list procurable at Vizagapatam are.

Long cloth ordinary white & browne Salampores ordr: Of these there cannott be too many provided.

Beteelas of all Sorts 20 & 25 yards long	3200: p^s^:
Saile cloth	2000: p^s^:
Neckcloths	5000: p^s^:

It has been y^e^: practice of yor: factory to Contract for Salampores, Long-cloth, Sailcloth & Strip'd beteelas in equall parts, but y^o^: cannot now Contract for above 10000: Pa: in Beteelas, Sailcloth, & neckcloths & if yor: Merchts: can be induced to Contract for the rest in longcloth & Salampores y^o^: may allow them 10: ℔ Cent on So much as they shall bring in above y^e^: halfe of y^e^: Investm^t^: not to be accounted as they bring in y^e^: cloth but to be paid them in one Sum at y^e^: finishing of y^e^: Investment.

Or, if they will not Consent to y^t^: y^o^: may propound to them y^e^: providing Some of the following fine goods by y^e^: Madapollam Must^r^: & at y^e^: Madapollam prices whereof y^e^: R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: have ordered y^e^: following quantitys to be provided Viz^t^:

Longcloth fine	1000 p^s^:
Salampores fine	3000 p^s^:
Percollas	5000 p^s^:
Do. Booke	2000 p^s^:
Morees fine	2000 p^s^:
Izzarees	5000 p^s^:
Gingham sheets 3 y^ds^: wide & 3½ Long	2000 p^s^:

Besides Chints, Allajees, Sacaguntes Sandermuters Callawapoose Goa Can-cherutas, Palampores, ordinary & fine Dimitys & Diaper, whereof wee have no muster & take it for granted yor: Merch^ts^: cannott intermeddle with them.

You may treat w^th^: yor: Merch^ts^: for a Contract of 50000 Pag^s^: but conclude not for above 20000: till y^o^: receive our answer to yor: next Letter, after receipt hereof, being not yet assured at what times wee shall be able to furnish So great a Sum as 50000 pag^s^:

The R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: do order y^t^: their List be Complyed with as near as can be, but wee think you are not absolutely limited to y^e^: exact quantity of every Sort but may if you cannott otherwise prevail w^th^: yor: Merch^ts^: enlarge in Some Sorts & encrease in others, & wee Suppose yor: Strip'd Beteelas may be included in y^e^: Beteelas of all Sorts & if you agree with yor: Merch^ts^: for plain Beteelas they must be double threaded.

The list doth also order y^e^: provision of 20000 p^s^: of Dungarees white & brown w^ch^: wee Suppose to be of y^e^: Sort formerly provided at Matchlepatam & if yor: Merchts: can make any of y^e^: Sort wee will Send you a muster. Wee are

Yo^r^: affectionate friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^S^: WRIGHT.
CHA^S^: BARWELL.

P.S.—Wee Send y^o^: tenn rup^s^: coin'd in our mint, acquaint us how they pass & give us credit for y^e^: Same at 3½ rup^s^: ℔ Pag^e^: forward y^e^: accompanying pacquett to Bengall with fresh Peons.

We Send y^o^: a muster of Neckcloths half a peice y^e^: 5: neckcloths ordinary provided by our Merch^ts^: here at 37 pagodo but Beteelas being cheaper w^th^: you, your Merch^ts^: will probably provide them Cheaper & finer they may make half red Stripes & half white stripes or all white stripes if they cannott make red Stripes.

If you have no musters of plain Beteelas make Some & Send ym : to us wth : ye : prices yor : Merchts : will provide them att.

Wee Send yo : a muster of Madrass Dungarees No : 1 formerly provided here at ye : rate of Pags : 3 : ¼ ℘ Single Corge of 12 [Coved] Long or 6½ ℘ double Corge of 24 Cods : long whereof 10,000 ps : white & brown may be provided by yor : Merchts : there being no prospect of getting those of Matchlepatam & Pettipolee.

Wee also Send yo : a muster of fine Neckcloths No : 38 : whereof 16 in a peice wch : our Merchts : provide at Pags : 17 : ℘ Corge but ye : Muster is not So good as it Should be yor : Merchts : therefore may provide them att 15 Pagodos ℘ Corge.

N : Higginson.
Will : Fraser.
Jno : Styleman.
Thos : Wright.
Chas : Barwell.

To Ye : Rt : Worpll : Charles Eyres Esqr :
Agent &ca : Councill for Affairs of Ye :
Rt : Honble : English East India Compa : in Bengall.

No : 129. Our last was 2d : & 12th : Inst : Copy whereof comes Inclosed. On ye : 20th : Inst : wee recd : ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Pacquett from Ship London friggatt from Trincombarr (where She is Still detained by Contrary winds) wherein wee find a Copy of ye : Rt : Honble : Comps : genll : Lre to Bengall dat : 3d : Janry : last copy whereof wee now Send you.

The Rt : Honble : Compa : having added a Postscript in their generall to us dat : ye : 3 : Janry : last by London friggatt wch : wee do not find in their generall Lre to Bengall but Suppose you are equally concerned to observe their order therein wee therefore Send to : yo : Copy thereof Vizt :

Wee having given our personall obligation to their Majtys : to export this Season to ye : value of one hundred & fifty thousand pounds in goods of ye : growth product and manufacture of this Kingdome wee do hereby require you to Send us two Certificates under yor : hands one by each of our first returning Ships of ye : Contents, number & quality of ye : goods you Shall receive from us by this Shipping whereof lett there be no failure.

In ye : 12th : paragraph of their generall Lre to Bengall you are advised of an agreemt : wth : ye : principall Interlopers concerned in ye : two Interloping Ships but in a Postscript of a generall Lre to us dat : 2 : Febry : 1693 they give more particular directions which yo are to observe Vizt :

The Concern in ye : two Ships Sent out by ye : Interlopers called ye : Edward Capt : Willm : Gifford Commandr : and ye : Henry Capt : Hudson Comdr : being now by bargain with most of ye : Interessed become So farr our owne wee have thought good to give yo : notice thereof, to ye : end that whatever remains of their Cargoe or may yet be left on Shoar may be carefully looked after befriended & Sent home unto ye : Joynt interessed wth : whom wee have a good understanding here.

The Rt : Honble : Compa : having in their 30 paragraph in their generall Lre to us dat : ye : 3 : Febry : 1693/4 Confirmed ye : order of their genll : Lre ye : 10th : Aprill 1693 by Ships Royall James & Mary &ca : which Letter doth appoint ye : Continuation of ye : ℘missive trade for ye : Ships Royall James & Mary Princess Ann of Denmark Armenian Mercht : & Hawk wch : order not being particularly reversed it is our opinion yt : ye : permissive trade ought to be Continued upon those ships tho' wee do not find any reason to think yt : it is Continued to ye : Martha &ca : Ships now come out, it therefore concerns those to whom ye : Permissive Consignment[s] are made to finish yt : business by those ships yt : ye : Interressed may not be disappointed or Suffer for want of returns.

Wee know not wtt : Stock ye : Martha & Success will bring you nor wtt : Sorts or quantity of goods you are ordered to provide & therefore must referr yo : wholly to ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : ordrs : therein.

In ye: 7: Paragraph of ye: Generall to Bengall dated 3: Janry: you are ordered to Sell all ye: Compas: Ships & Sloops except two for ye: river or to Send them hither with Saltpetre but wee take it for granted that you will Send to us all yor; spare Saltpetre by ye: Princess Martha & Success & therefore there will be no occasion to Send another Ship to us to bring Saltpetre but ye: necessity of Sending provisions to Yorke Fort remains & therefore if yo: have any Vessell to be Sold lett her be Sent thither with provisions as formerly directed under orders to be dispatched from thence to this imediately with what they have ready to put on board, if yo: have not a vessell to Sell & can spare one of ye: two from ye: necessary Service of ye: Europe Ships lett her proceed to York Fort with provision[s] under orders for returning imediately to you with what pepper they can Spare wch: voyage may probably be performed in 3 months time if She be dispatched in Febry: from Bengall but if yo: cannott Send a Ship or vessell of ye: Compas: hire some small Country vessell on freight & Send her thither wth: Provisions wch: are So very dear & Scarce yt: wee cannott Supply them from hence & therefore wee depend upon you for it, & having no Stores sent us by these Ships you must also Supply them with ye: particulars mentioned in ye: Inclosed List. Paper quills &ca: Match 4: Candy.

In ye: 8: paragraph of ye: Said generall Lre you are ordered to dispatch ye: Martha or Success with Saltpetre or wtt: goods ready which order Seems to be grounded upon a Supposition Vizt: That ye: Royall James & Mary &ca: last yeares Ships would have been dispatch'd before ye: arrivall of this yeares Shipping & yt: these ships would have arrived Sooner yn: they did both wch: proving otherwise wee See no reason why yo: may not comply with ye: order of our Lre for dispatching to us ye: Martha or Success or both to us wth: Saltpetre & provisions.

Wee observe yt: ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: had appointed Mr: Ellis to Succeed Agent Charnock but in ye: fourteenth paragraph their Honrs: do in Generall Confirm all ye: alterations ordrs: made in Bengall by ye: late Comissary Generall & particularly ye: alterations he made in making Mr: Eyres Agent in ye: room of Mr: Ellis there is therefore no reason to question Mr: Eyres continuing Agent.

Wee find in ye: 18: paragraph yt: Mr: Beard is to Succeed in ye: Agency & Mr: Braddyll to be of Councill & in ye: 2d: paragraph it is left to the Agent to add another person or two to ye: Counll: of Bengall as he shall think best & to Communicate Cheif & Councill wch: tho' it was writt literally of Mr: Ellis yet wee understand it to be by ye: genll: reason of ye: order to extend to Agent Eyres equally having no reason to doubt his prudence or fidelity. Wee therefore leave it to him to continue or dismiss Mr: Cornell from being of Councill if he dos not think him fitt for yt: Station; but in case of his removall wee desire to know ye: reasons.

By ye: Generall Lres to Fort St: George & Bengall you will expect to be Supplyed with Sundry things whereof have none but red lead & of yt: can Send you near two tunns by ye: next opportunity. Wee can Spare no Europe iron or brimstone having but litle in Store & none Sent us, wee have no Europe Vermilion quicksilver or allom wee Suppose ye: China ships will bring quicksilver & allom. The quicksilver will be above 60: Pags: ℔ Pecull. The China Allom about 8 pags: ℔ Candy advise us ye: Bengall prices & yor: occasions for them & wee will Supply you accordingly, but wee expect no vermilion from China because it hath formerly proved not fitt for ye: markett of Bengall. The Rt: Honble: Compa: hath given us orders for coining rupees for Bengall, whereof wee hope to have Some coined to returne to you by yor: Bengall ship in ye: beginning of ye: Southerly Monsoon More than will repay for wtt: you shall disburse for provisions &ca: for ye: Fort, in ye: mean time give us yor: opinions concerning their passing there was Some Sent to Bengall for a triall in Agent Charnock's time & these Peons bring yo: 20 which will be enough for ye: Bannyans to make a triall of their weight & fineness they are approved here by ye: Shroffs who have made nice trialls of them & they have hitherto passed at ye: Same rate & as Currantly as Surratt new rupees if

there has been a triall made of those Sent formerly Let another triall however be made of these now Sent.

The R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: having in their 58th: Paragraph of their Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e of y^{e}: 3^{d}: Jan^{ry}: ordered a large quantity of Cotton yearn be provided in Bengall y^{t}: it may be ready for y^{e}: filling up of Ships as occasion requires wee apprehend there will be occasion for at least 100 tunns.

Wee need not add any thing to y^{o}: concerning Ships going to Cangee but will Send y^{o}: y^{e}: 52 paragraph of their Gen^{ll}: to us relating to Country Ships touching att Rutterah in their passage to Surratt or y^{e}: Coast of Mallabar for y^{e}: Incouragem^{t}: and Countenance of y^{e}: Settlement.

Wee have a large quantity of Europe cloth & Lead Sent us by this Ship w^{ch}: wth: y^{e}: remaines is more than wee can expect to vend in a year's time & probably y^{e}: Martha and Success will bring y^{o}: more than yor: ꝑsent markett will take off but for y^{e}: aforementioned reason you must not Send us any of it till wee give you further advice unless you have more fine broad cloth y^{n}: you can dispose of, whereof you may Send us 20 : or 30 : bales with w^{tt}: you can Spare of those things sent y^{o}: by y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: for presents. Wee are

Yo^{r}: very affect^{e}: friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{S} : WRIGHT.
CHA^{S} : BARWELL.

Fort S^{t} : George
Nov^{r}: y^{e}: 26th: 1694.

LIST OF Y^{E} : PACQUETT TO BENGALL.

N^{o}: 1. Copy of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to Bengall dated 3: Jan^{ry}: 1693/4.
2. Fort S^{t}: George Gen^{ll}: Lr̃e dated 26 : Novem^{r}: 1694.
3. Copy of Fort S^{t}: George gen^{ll}: Lr̃e dat: 2^{d} : & 12th : Nov^{r}: 94.
4. Paragraph of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: gen^{ll}: Lr̃e to Fort S^{t}: George dat: 3: Jan^{ry}: 1693/4.

TO Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: JOHN BRABOURNE
COMMODORE &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: AT BRINJOAN.

No: 130. Herewth: is Copy of our last of 10th: Nov^{r}: Sent overland wth: a Copy of our Consultation relating to y^{e}: Embassy from y^{e}: Naigue of Mcodera which wee desire you to Send forward to his Exc^{y}: y^{e}: Gen^{ll}: wth: our Pacq^{t}: directed to him.

The London friggatt is not yet arrived here being detained by Contrary winds, but wee have rec^{d}: y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: pacq^{t}: by which wee understand their Charter is confirmed by y^{e}: King & their Stock doubled by additionall Subscribers, 8 Ships are now come out in Comp^{a}: for Severall parts of India & 5 more to follow which brings a Considerable Stock. Wee remain

Yo^{r}: affect^{e}: friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{S} : WRIGHT.
CHA^{S} : BARWELL.

Fort S^{t}: George
Dec^{r}: 10th: 1694.

To His Excy: Sr: John Gayer Knt:
Genll: for Affairs of Ye: Rt: Honble:
English East India Compa: in India att Surratt.

May it Please Yor: Excellcy,

Our last was dat: 21: past Sent overland Copy whereof wee Send by Ship Diligence Will: Rogers Master bound for Goa & to touch att Rutterah in her way wee also Send yor: Excy: Copy of our Lre to Bengall dat: 26th: past. No: 131.

The London friggatt is yet detained by Contrary winds but is gott on this Side Sadrasapatam.

Brigantine Acheen Mercht: brought us a Lre from Bengall dat: 10th: past advising that ye: Royall James & Mary in going up ye: river Hugley was cast upon a Sand & Sunk 222: Man: pepper & 132 Sticks redwood Saved & ye: Comdr: has Sold ye: Ships rigging gunns &ca: for 6,200 Rups: & ye: Hull for 1,500: & intends to take his passage hither on ye: Princess which was to be dispatched by ye: 12: Inst: laden with goods for Europe & provisions for this place. Wee shall be in a readiness to give her a Speedy dispatch & upon rect: of ye: next letter from yor: Excy: returne you coppys of what wee receive from Bengall & of our Lre to ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: by ye: Princess in ye: meantime wee have nothing materiall to add to our former advices. When ye: Brigantine Acheen Mercht: came over ye: Graces [*sic*] on ye: 25th: past there was no news at Bengall of ye: Success or Martha. Wee are

Yor: Excy's: very humble: Servants

Fort St: George
Dec: ye: 10th: 1694.

Nath: Higginson.
Will: Fraser.
John Styleman.
Thos: Wright.
Chas: Barwell.

To ye: Rt: Worpll: Charles Eyres Esqr:
Agent &ca: Councill in Bengall.

Our last was 26 past duplicate whereof comes herewith wth: Copy of ye: Rt: Honble: Compas: generall Lre to Bengll: dat: 3: Janry: 83/4. On ye: 5: Inst: wee recd: yors: of 10th: & 29th: Novr: ℘ Brigantine Acheeen Mercht: wch: gives us ye: sad Acco: of ye: unfortunate loss of Ship Royall James & Mary in ye: river concerning which wee have not yet recd: any advice from Capt: Bucke. Wee doubt not but you will do ye: Owners & Commandrs: right in reprehending all circumstances treaty to ye: Rt: Honble: Company. No: 132.

Tho' yo: write yt: yo: intend to Send ye: Princess to us directly & ye: Mary Bowyer afterwards with rice to Vizagapatam & from thence to proceed hither with ye: Vizagapatam bales Yet wee depend upon you for Sending one of ye: Rt: Honble: Compa: or a hired vessell to Bencoolen with provisions ye: rather because ye: Hawk did not proceed thither.

Wee observe yor: withdrawing the uppr: factorys & his Excy: having given yo: his directions in his Lre of 10th: July wee need not add any thing upon that Subject.

Wee are glad yo: can dispose of Lead at So good a rate as rups: 6: ¼ ℘ Maund to 6: ½ wee Suppose you have Some Lead & broadcloth Sent you by ye: Martha & Success but wee know not how much, wee have more of each yn: wee can Sell in a year, Tho wee Should abate Considerably of our former prices. If yor: Markett will take of more than you shall receive advise us & wee can Supply you with 1000, or 2000 Maund of Lead & 100 bales of broadcloth, Cloth rashes, & Perpetuanos wee think ye: price here will be but 10: Pags ℘ Candy for Lead, broadcloth ordinary 23: Pags: ℘ half ps: Cloth rashes 17: Perpetuanos fine 14: ordr: 8: ½ Pags: So yt: if yo: can Sell them at any profitt wee will Send you

as much as you shall advise by y^{e}: Southerly Monsoon w^{ch}: wee desire y^{o}: to Consider well of, because it is probable wee Shall not be able to invest our whole stock upon y^{e}: Coast, by reason of y^{e}: gen^{ll}: Scarcity & dearness of provisions in w^{ch}: case wee must either Send y^{e}: overplus to y^{o}: or lett it lye dead.

Inclosed is our opinion concerning y^{e}: division of y^{e}: Comission on private consignments.

If y^{o}: shall be in a readiness to dispatch one or both of y^{e}: two ships (Martha and Success) together with y^{e}: Hawk it will be a good Service to y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: but if y^{o}: can lade but one lett y^{e}: other come up hither laden with y^{e}: grain provided for y^{e}: Princess.

Wee have nothing to add at present daily expecting y^{e}: arrivall of y^{e}: Princess & y^{t}: yor: advice by her will give us occasion for a further answer to Some particulars w^{ch}: wee observe but know not what to direct especially relating to Muttradas, concerning whom wee begin to fear y^{t}: y^{e}: late Agent Charnocks judgement was grounded on good reasons. We are

Yo^{r}: very affect^{e}: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOS: WRIGHT.
CHA^{S}: BARWELL.

Fort S^{t}: George
Dec^{r}: y: 11th: 1694.

LIST OF Y^{E}: PACQUETT TO BENGALL.

No. 1. Copy of y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{as}: generall Lr̃e dated 3: Jan^{ry}: 1693/4.

2. Fort S^{t}: George Generall Lr̃e to Beng^{ll}: dat: 3^{d}: De^{cr}: 94.

3. Copy of ditto . . . dat: 26: Nov^{r}: 94.

4. Paragraph of a Consultation relating to y^{e}: division of y^{e}: Comission.

5. List of y^{e}: Pacquett.

To M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE,
CHEIF &C^{A}: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

N^{o}: 133. Herewith is Copy of our Last dat: 26th: No^{vr}: & a Pacquett for y^{e}: Agent & Councill of Bengall directed to M^{r}: Henry Stanly Cheif of Ballasore which Send forward.

Yo^{r}: Consultations & diary in Sep^{t}: Octo^{r}: & No^{vr}: gives a particular Acco^{t}: of y^{e}: Care you take in gaining intelligence & Securing y^{e}: factory during y^{e}: rebellion of y^{e}: Rajah.

The Agent & Coun^{ll}: of Beng^{ll}: do advise us that they intend to Send y^{e}: Princess directly hither without calling at yor: factory but y^{t}: they will Send y^{e}: Mary Bowyer afterwards laden with rice for the Supply of yor: factory & to bring yor: bales hither, & wee have no other opportunity to fetch them to Compleat y^{e}: Armenian Merch^{ts}: lading in Feb^{ry}: therefore as opportunity offers by good Country Vessells (not boats) Send us as many bales as you can reserving only as many as you think y^{e}: Mary Bowyer will take in.

Wee have a greater quantity of broadcloth Perpetuano's & Cloth rashes ℘ London friggatt than wee can Sell here yor: factory therefore must take of a part if possible try once more w^{tt}: yor Merch^{ts}: will do & w^{tt}: quantity & at what rates they will take. Wee are Sensible Wee must abate Considerably of our prices here. We are

Yo^{r}: Loving friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THO^{S}: WRIGHT.
CHA^{S}: BARWELL.

Fort S^{t}: George
Dec^{r}: 12: 1694.

To MR : Henry Stanly
Cheif &cA : Councill att Ballasore.

Fort ST : George DecemR : 12 : 1694.

Herewth : is our pacqt : to ye : Agent & Councill of Bengall to be Sent for- No : 134.
ward wth : fresh Peons & lett ye : Vizagapatam Peons be returned to their factory, also our Genll : Lr̃e to ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : to be Sent by Ship Hawke which wee Send to you for Conveyance to ye : Ship as opportunity offers Supposing she may be gone from Calcutta before it will arrive there.

You have failed much in giving us advices wch : we perceive have been Sent to others from Ballasore, for ye : future whenever you Send forward any Lr̃es to us from ye : Agent &ca : advise us wtt : yo : know of ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : Shipping or affairs. You often have intelligence before it can reach Calcutta. We are

Yor : Loving friends
Nath : Higginson.
Will : Fraser.
John Styleman.
Thos : Wright.
Chas : Barwell.

To YE : WorpLL : WM : Hatsell EsqR :
DeptY : GovR : & Councill att Fort ST : David.

Our Last was 21 : past Since wch : wee have recd : yors : of 22 : & 26 : past & No : 135.
3 : Inst : by wch : we are Sorry to understand yt : yor : Merchts : are So unwilling to Contract for Calicoes & to take off Europe goods our whole Coast Stock Consists in Silver Cloth & Lead wee must Send Considerable part of ye : Silver to Bengall & must find out Some way or other to Convert ye : rest into Calicoes to Lade ye : Ships home but this cannott be done unless wee can sell our goods for money or for Callicoes wee do not expect to Sell any at Vizagapatam & are well assured wee cannot Sell it all here therefore you must take off a part or you can make no Considerable Investmt : for wee cannot furnish you with money enough. This is ye : plain State of ye : Case & doth at once answer ye : arguments wch : yo : propound for ye : Rt : Honble : Compas : keeping ye : cloth & Lead in their owne hands. That method is ye : best for ye : disposeall of Europe goods & is agreeable to former practice when there was Stock enough in money to carry on ye : Investmt : but our Stock is all in Europe goods & if wee sell them off only as chapmen Offer we shall not be able to Invest one quarter part in a years time, we must Consider ye : Carrying on our Investment as well as ye : disposall of our Europe goods, & therefore if ye : Merchts : will not take them off upon Contracts, wee must Sell them as well as we can & as Soon as wee can wch : will be Some time before we shall be in a Capacity of entring upon large Investmts : in ye : mean time you & wee must endeavour to gett as many goods as wee can upon ye : Contracts & terms already made to Secure a lading for ye : Armenian Mercht : & if it be possible to Send home ye : London friggatt wth : her, wch : wee doubt not to effect if yo : can furnish us wth : 200 or 300 bales in Febry : & if the Princess shall not require more for filling her up then wee Suppose, by our last advices from Bengall.

Wee Send you a Copy of ye: List reced : from ye : Rt : Honble : Compa : of Coast goods to be provided. Yor : Merchts : being So unwilling to make Contracts it would be in vain for us to ascertain ye : Sorts & quantitys to be provided by them, but ye : list will direct yor : treaty with them & advise us yor : proceedings therein. There is 20,000 Dungarees ordered whereof we shall provide some here & have directed some to be provided at Vizagapatam. They have been formerly made att Cuddalore. There are also 10000 Beteelas ordered whereof Pt : must be provided here & Pt : at Vizagapatam So yt : there will not remaine above 3 : or 4000 ps : to be provided by yor : Merchts : & 2 or 3000 ps : of neckcloths.

There was formerly Some fine paintings made at or near Trincomalay w^{ch}: is Something nearer to you than to us, If you can do any thing towards y^{e}: procuring or making the Sorts ordered, advise us, our water is not good for fine painting & y^{e}: Painters cannot make fine lively & durable colours.

Wee have musters of most of y^{e}: goods mentioned in y^{e}: list & will Send you them as you advise.

M^{r}: Lewis parted hence on 11: Ins^{t}: for yor: factory to returne after Xtmas.

The London friggatt is in sight tho not Come into y^{e}: road being detained by Contrary winds.

M^{r}: Nicholas & M^{r}: Langley may Stay with you if y^{o}: have occasion for y^{m}:

Wee Shall Send y^{o} by y^{e}: first opportunity w^{tt}: you have writt for except Iron & Tarr whereof wee have none to Spare from y^{e}: necessary use of y^{e}: garrison & y^{e}: R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: have Sent us no Stores by this Ship.

We Shall pay yor: bills Pag^{s}: 350: & Pag^{s}: 300: when demanded by M^{r}: Alvarez & M^{r}: Stone. Wee are

Y^{or}: Affect^{e}: friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
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Fort S^{t}: George
Dec^{r}: 12: 1694.

To BAUDAPAUTE MUNGARAUZ.

N^{o}: 136. The Lre: y^{t}: you Sent I rec^{d}: & by it understand everything at Large when you went from hence with y^{e}: Cowle I ordered & advised you then what was fitt to be done & if you do Comply wth: our Cowle then all things will be to Satisfaction & faile not to Comply & follow y^{e}: meaning of our Cowle. The Peon is paid his half Pag^{e}:

NATH: HIGGINSON.

To Y^{E}: WORP^{LL}: WILL: HATSELL ESQ^{R}:
DEP^{TY}: GOV^{R}: &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}: ATT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE
DEC^{R}: Y^{E}: 31: 1694.

N^{o}: 137. We rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of 20th: Ins^{t}: & have added one hundred pagodos to M^{r}: Constable's Acco^{t}: as you advise herewith wee Send you a muster of Dungarees.

We Shall Send y^{e}: London friggatt to you as Soon as she is unladen with what goods and necessary's you formerly writt for, upon receipt hereof Send us a List of all you want being a good opportunity wee shall then Send y^{o}: more Europe cloth then you write for. As wee advised you before y^{or}: factory must dispose of y^{or}: Share as well as you can, wee have abated three or four pagodos in a peice of broad cloth ordinary & cannott expect but you must abate also.

Upon y^{e}: prospect you give of procuring two hundred bales wee resolve to dispatch y^{e}: London friggatt along with y^{e}: Armenian Merch^{t}:

We leave it to you to pay your Merch^{ts}: y^{e}: ballance of their Acco^{t}: as y^{o}: find it necessary for y^{e}: Company's Service.

If you can employ yor: painters in making of Chints for Europe tho' they be ordinary at first yet by degrees they will fall into y^{e}: way of making of them better. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Affectionate Friends
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
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Examined by
James Eustace
John Rowland

Read Sunday June 10, 1781 [*added in pencil*]
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